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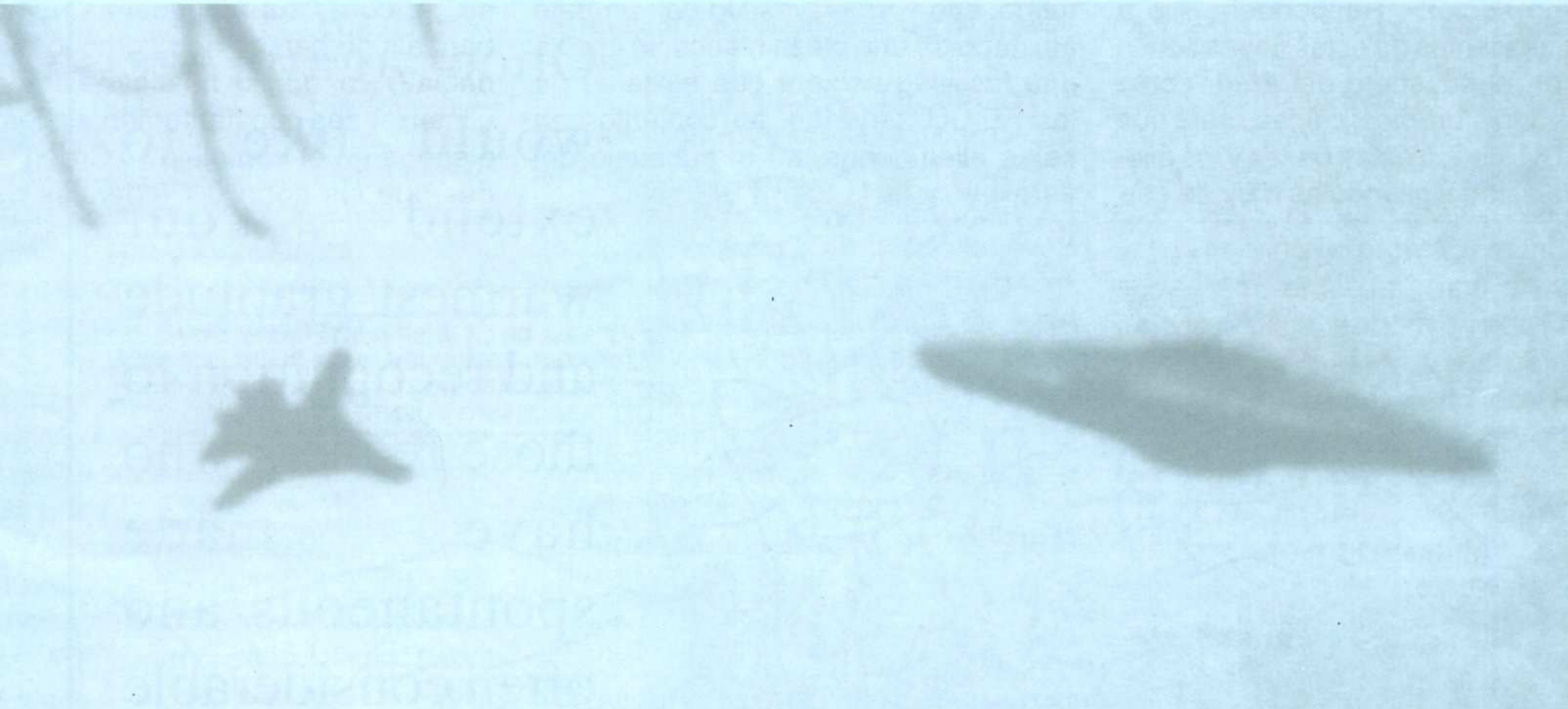

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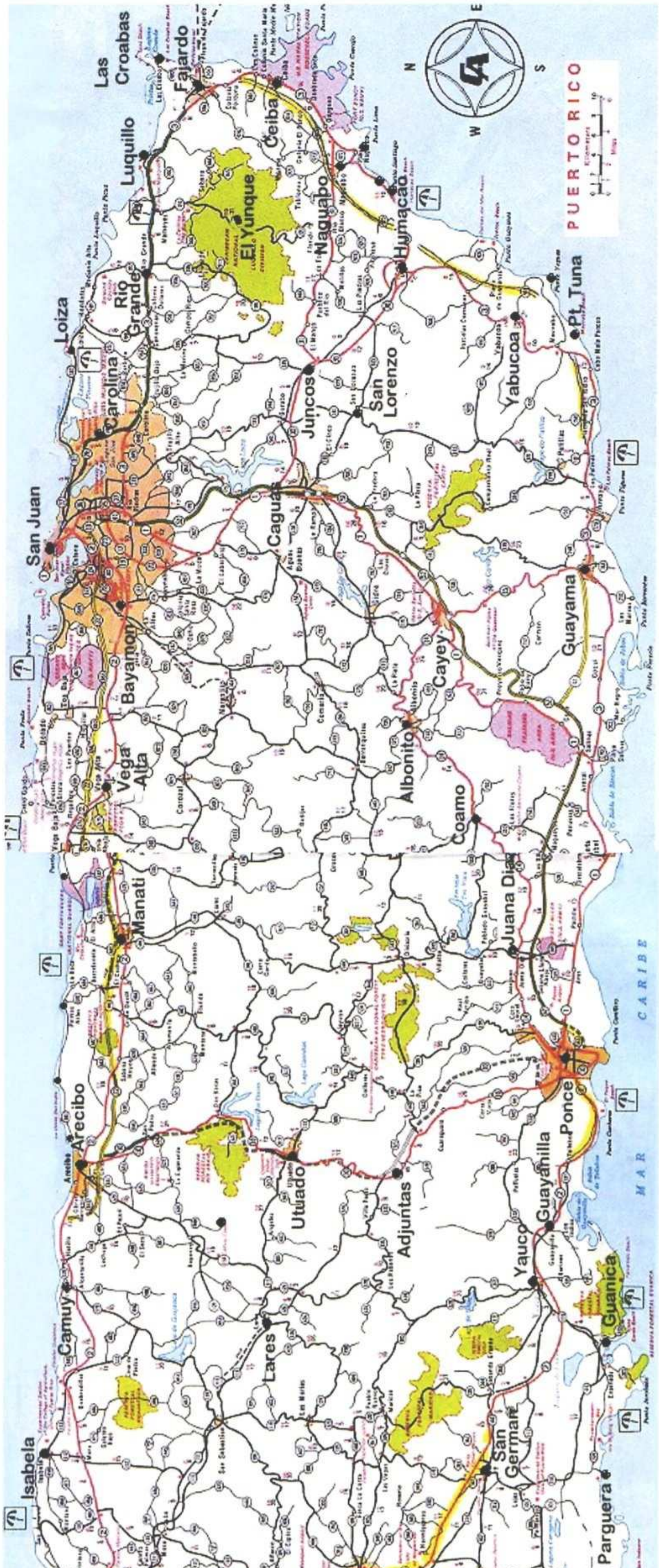

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EDITORIAL

A YEAR OF EXTRAORDINARY SCIENCE

This last 12 months or so has been a period of extraordinary developments in biological science, most of them concerned in one way with genetics, cloning and stem cells. Much of this has received a lot of airing in the mainstream press, unlike some equally astounding developments in physics which have been less widely reported.

Our lead article reports on the state of anti-gravity research, with particular reference to that of the enigmatic Evgeny Podkletnov.

Otherwise, I have the feeling that it is in quantum physics and particle physics that this last year has been particularly exciting.

HIGGS BOSON.

There is the ongoing search for a very mysterious entity, referred to as the "Higgs Boson" -sometimes also dubbed "the God particle" because of its key position in accounting for the origin of the property of mass, and in unifying the various forces in a "Theory of Everything."

To date the "Standard Model" of particle physics is able to explain three of the main forces of nature: electromagnetism, the strong nuclear force, and the weak nuclear force; however it is unable to cope with gravity.

Further, for the grand unification of the forces to be possible, it is also necessary to invoke a principle called "Supersymmetry". Essentially this is an embellishment of Einstein's theory of special relativity to include quantum variables in the fabric of space-time itself.

All that is impeding the discovery of the Higgs boson appears to be the capabilities of existing particle colliders. There is nothing new to this story -it has occurred all along the way. It therefore seems highly likely that this remarkable particle will soon be discovered, and with that the movement of physics onto an entirely new footing. (Ref. 1)

INTERACTION-FREE MEASUREMENT.

Now let's look at how to do something useful -but also decidedly odd- with quantum physics; in fact all common sense says that it is impossible: To observe something without looking at it?

Well, what kind of thing might you want to "observe without looking at it"? How about an unexploded bomb -of the kind that is detonated by light?

Originally this was conceived as a thought experiment in which single photons pass simultaneously through two paths of a rectangular array known as a Mach-Zender interferometer. If a live bomb is interposed in one of these paths the photon cannot pass; if it's a dud bomb with a hole through it, the photon can pass. The net result is that a proportion, one quarter, of the live bombs can be detected without ever exploding.

Incredibly, real experiments have since been devised, not using photon-triggered bombs, in which it has been possible to view objects like knife-edges, hairs and slits -without any single photon impinging on them.

Real-life applications could include the examination of inaccessible or light-sensitive archaeological specimens through which light cannot be passed in the ordinary sense that we mean that. (Ref. 2)

SCHRÖDINGER'S CAT.

The unfortunate protagonist long referred to in quantum physics as Schrödinger's Cat is an animal suspended in a state of simultaneous "alive-deadness" through being employed in an equally unpleasant

thought experiment in which it is placed in an enclosed box containing an instantly lethal mechanism triggered by a random quantum process such as the radioactive decay of an atom. After a certain time the box can be opened -and the cat will be found to be either alive or dead -but *not* something in between!

The problem for quantum physicists has long been that it has been believed that, until an observation is made, a quantum state remains in a state of "superposition" -a hybrid of two realities. So does this uncertainty also apply to the unfortunate cat, whose physical fate appears to be entwined with that of the quantum process involved?

It appears that at last some sense is starting to appear in this matter, and some physicists are suggesting that this principle of superposition only applies up to a certain *size*. Thus, while it has been possible to fire large molecules such as C60 buckyballs through two slits simultaneously -and still obtain an interference pattern, just as with single photons of light, it is now believed that there has to be a limit on *size* of the object for which quantum superposition can endure for times which are not vanishingly small.

And the agency which determines this limit is gravity, or rather the warping of space-time which mass causes. Thus it is impossible for anything as large as this ill-fated cat to exist in an indeterminate state, and it is indeed *either* alive or dead *before* the box is opened and inspected.

However, to settle this matter once and for all is going to require some rather elaborate experiments which can only be carried out in outer space because of the path lengths that will be needed for the X-ray photons used.

The idea is to bounce high-energy X-ray photons off a microscopic crystal suspended in an interferometer arrangement. The crystal will then enter a state of superposition in which it has both been deflected by the impact, and also not deflected. It will take a matter of between 1/10 and 1/100 of a second for this superposition to decay into being really one or the other state. If decay into a definite state does not occur the signal will always come back along the same path as it took outward.

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PODKLETNOV'S EXPERIMENTS AND THE WHOLE VEXED SUBJECT OF ANTIGRAVITY. BY PHILIP CREIGHTON.

As we all know who have been schoolchild-, or even undergraduate essayists, it is extremely hard to write coherently about something you do not understand -and therein, of course, lies the purpose of the exercise: First you must research the subject until you *do* understand it in some measure.

However, whatever our degree of accomplishment, it is a different order of task to compose and write on a subject which *noone* seems to fully understand or agree about, and on which only incomplete information is available!

Having acknowledged that this is probably our collective lay position, let us now try to explore this peculiarly difficult subject, with particular reference to the experiments of Evgeny Podkletnov and those who have tried to repeat them.

We are therefore especially pleased to be able to reprint, with thanks to the *New Scientist*, David Cohen's excellent, comprehensive and balanced article, *Going Up*, which appeared in *New Scientist*, 12th January, 2002, page 24.

Reader Ken Mortimer wrote to us regarding this article, suggesting that this so-called gravity-shielding device, used in conjunction with Sandy Kidd's machine, which I believe to be a kind of gyroscopic inertial thruster (GIT), *could* provide the right kind of combination to account for the flight properties of UFOs, including cancellation of inertial forces caused by acceleration and deceleration.

The subject of GIT's is also controversial. The general idea is that by moving gyroscopes around in various ways it is possible to produce an action without a reaction - which of course is contrary to Newton's third law of motion -and would make possible a "rocket" which does not need to spew anything out the back to achieve thrust.

Eric Laithwaite also produced a GIT -which was quite wrongly represented in the popular press as an antigravity machine. He did *not* claim that it shielded gravity out, but rather that it produced thrust.

Podkletnov's device, however, is more reminiscent of the fictional substance *Cavorite* which enabled H.G. Wells' astronauts to travel and steer by adjusting "windowblinds" of this substance to screen out gravity on different sides of their space craft in the novel *First Men in the Moon*.

Incidentally, I have seen no mention anywhere of what happens *underneath* Podkletnov's device. That would be rather interesting to know. However, as the following article explains, he also claims to have achieved a *repulsive or impulsive* gravity-like action!■

Evgeny Podkletnov has convinced NASA to spend $600,000 on a machine he claims will shield matter from the Earth's pull. Has the agency flipped? David Cohen tracked down the man who wants to turn the laws of physics on their head

GOING UP

SEATED in a near-empty restaurant in a backstreet of Tampere in Finland, Evgeny Podkletnov certainly doesn't look crazy—even when he holds up the superconducting disc he says he used to reduce the effects of gravity. The Russian émigré's claim caused such a storm he was thrown out of his job at Tampere University of Technology five years ago. He now works as a researcher in superconducting materials at the nearby University of Tampere, but he's not about to give up his quest to be taken seriously.

Podkletnov claims others have repeated the experiments with great success, and for the moment at least, influential scientists around the world are giving him the benefit of the doubt. Researchers at Toronto University in Canada, at CNRS—France's national research agency—and even an employee of Boeing in the US all want to repeat his experiment, Podkletnov says. And perhaps most significantly of all, NASA is ready to give the idea a shot. This month, after a two-year wait, Ron Koczor and his team at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama, will take delivery of a machine that Koczor believes could shield matter from gravity.

Koczor persuaded NASA to pay Superconductive Components (SCI) of Columbus, Ohio, $600,000 to build a copy of Podkletnov's apparatus. If SCI's replica works, it could change our way of interacting with a fundamental force of nature. And that, Koczor says, would change everything. Wave goodbye to rockets and the internal combustion engine. Say hello to energy-saving, gravity-powered spaceships, aeroplanes, cars and elevators—and a whole new branch of theoretical physics.

Koczor is aware of what the critics will say, but he believes there are hints that it might work and he is determined to keep an open mind. This kind of investigation lies within the Marshall Center's remit to seek out new and exotic forms of propulsion, and the potential payoff is huge, he says. "It's worth a little bit of effort to pursue it to its end."

But that "little bit of effort" is, essentially, a gamble on Podkletnov's claims. In 1992 he published a paper describing how he had stumbled across a "gravity shielding" effect while running a routine test on one of his superconductors. The details were sketchy. But the basics are these: make a superconducting disc 145 millimetres in diameter and 6 millimetres thick, according to a special chemical recipe that Podkletnov did not make public. Cool the disc to below −233 °C, then levitate it using a magnetic field. Finally, apply an electric current alternating at around 100 kilohertz to coils surrounding the disc. The current makes the disc rotate in the constantly changing magnetic field, something like an electric motor (see Graphic). So far, there's nothing extraordinary here.

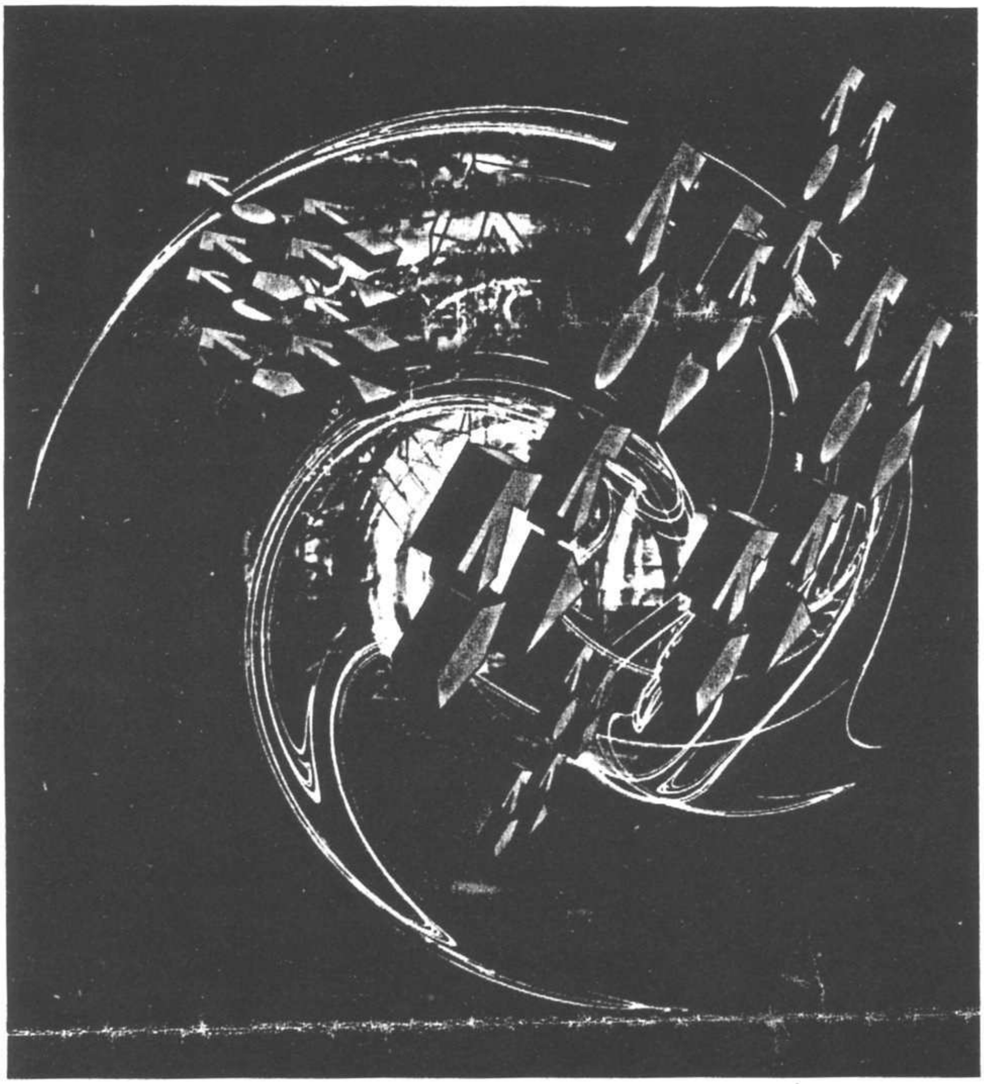
But Podkletnov claimed that when the disc was spinning at more than 5000 revolutions per minute, objects placed above it lost around 1 per cent of their weight. Increasing the spin speed, he claimed, reduced their weight still further. In subsequent experiments, he claims to have seen weight reductions of up to 2 per cent.

Podkletnov concluded that this apparatus somehow reduced the strength of the Earth's pull on any object placed above it and called it a "gravity shielding" device. Stick a more powerful version of this apparatus on the bottom of a spacecraft and rocket propulsion would be history: just the slightest nudge would be needed for lift-off into space. Terrestrial transport would be revolutionised too, together with a large chunk of theoretical physics.

At the time, the paper was greeted without fanfare. It would probably have been forgotten, but for the fact that Podkletnov continued his experiments and, in 1996, produced another paper. *Physica D* reviewed and accepted it, but its contents were leaked to the press before publication. "The world's first anti-gravity device", as *The Sunday Telegraph* in Britain called it, was rubbished by scientists around the globe, who loudly proclaimed that it broke the known laws of physics. In the academic scuffle that ensued, Podkletnov was dismissed from his post. After withdrawing the paper (to protect his co-author's career, he says) he disappeared—for a while, at least. I caught up with him in Tampere at the end of last year and found him still adamant that his superconducting disc can shield matter from gravity.

Podkletnov has the air of a persecuted man. While talking about his work his mood shifts constantly between suspicion, seriousness and wild excitement—there are echoes of the cold fusion debate here. But his frustration is clear. "I am a professional scientist and have published more than 30 papers and hold many patents," he says. "Some people say 'Podkletnov is a fool,' but there are too many other people in the world who have seen this and they all can't be wrong." His English is almost perfect with only a faint Russian accent. He peppers his conversation with references to private conversations with eminent scientists who would come right out and support him, were they not so scared of losing their credibility.

His confidence—and Koczor's—stems from the fact that he is not alone in suggesting a way to modify gravity. In 1995, Koczor and his team were approached by



'PODKLETNOV CLAIMS THE "GRAVITY GENERATOR" CAN KNOCK OVER A BOOK PLACED ON END A KILOMETRE AWAY'

Ning Li, a researcher at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Li had never met or even heard of Podkletnov, yet she was developing a theory, based on the idea of converting electromagnetic fields into gravitational fields, that came very close to explaining Podkletnov's experiment. She claimed her theory pointed to the possibility of producing a "gravito-magnetic effect" by spinning a supercooled superconducting disc: the angular momentum of fast-spinning ions in the superconductor would produce a gravitational field, she said. By 1995 Li felt she had reached the point where she could approach NASA to fund an experimental test of her ideas.

"We were interested in her theories," says Koczor. "But we thought her experiment was undoable." Then, in a literature search, Koczor and Li found Podkletnov's 1992 paper in the journal *Physica C*. "We were intrigued. It was essentially the same experiment, only simpler," Koczor says. "*Physica C* is not a trivial journal. If [the experiment] got in there then it must have got through sufficient scientific vetting to take to a higher level, so we decided we'd try it ourselves."

For the following two years, Koczor and Li tried to duplicate Podkletnov's experiment. They bought some small superconducting discs, levitated them, put high-frequency electromagnetic fields into them and did a few experiments to measure the gravitational effects. "We tried to see if there was one or other of these factors that could be isolated and identified as responsible for the Podkletnov effect," explains Koczor.

Their experiments were unsuccessful. In 1997 Koczor's team reported their lack of findings in *Physica C*, saying that for their 10-centimetre discs the measurable effect on gravitational pull was a mere two millionths of 1 per cent—small enough to have been background noise in the measuring equipment. But they were not disheartened.

"Podkletnov told us we wouldn't see any effect unless we repeated his experiment faithfully," Koczor says. "We never did the full Podkletnov experiment—we were still learning to work with these superconductors." And so the team focused on producing a 30-centimetre yttrium-barium-copper-oxide (YBCO) superconducting disc like that used by Podkletnov. But they still didn't have his recipe. Eventually, in 1999 Koczor gave up and commissioned SCI to build a replica of Podkletnov's apparatus. At the same time, Li set up an independent laboratory to pursue the research. SCI contracted Podkletnov as a consultant on its project, asking him to advise on some technical aspects of building the superconductor. "Podkletnov has been as helpful as he could be to get our mission fulfilled," says J.R. Gaines, vice president and general manager of SCI. And so this month—a year behind schedule—Gaines will hand over the finished apparatus.

High hopes

NASA is not the only bona fide organisation that has been taking Podkletnov seriously. When British military and aerospace company BAE Systems learned that Clive Woods, a superconductor researcher from Sheffield University, was trying to replicate the experiment it decided it too would hedge its bets and help fund his attempts.

"We know we're out on a limb," says Ron Evans, director of Project Greenglow—BAE Systems' research programme into alternative forms of propulsion. "But even though we got negative advice from several professors, it seemed to me that for a small amount of money it's worth the gamble. Experts have been wrong before and that's the only thing that makes it worth doing."

Evans is giving Woods an undisclosed sum to reproduce Podkletnov's experiment. So far Woods, too, has been unsuccessful. Like Koczor, Woods believes this could be because he has not managed to reproduce all the conditions Podkletnov says are necessary—the specifications are extremely demanding. "That does not mean there is no effect to be observed," Woods says.

Meanwhile, Podkletnov has been quietly continuing his research. "I am not a rich man," he says. "But I have some funds from other projects and I put everything I have into gravity research. This is my life's dream, my hobby, my goal."

He has made good progress, he says. With the help of friends in a laboratory that once belonged to Moscow's Institute for High

Temperatures, he claims to have built an "impulse gravity generator". He says its pulse—produced by a spinning superconductor with a strong electrical charge—is capable of knocking over a book placed on end more than a kilometre away.

The pulse has the same properties as a gravitational field, says Podkletnov. It is unaffected by an inch-thick steel plate fixed in the beam path, and the force it exerts is changed only with the target's mass, not its constituent material nor its chemical or electromagnetic properties. As he talks about it, he suddenly becomes animated. He thinks it could one day be used to nudge satellites into the correct orbit, and even knock incoming missiles off course. "This is a very powerful device, and I am now in the process of arranging a future project on the gravity generator with serious European firms," he says, almost in a whisper. But, he adds, he cannot divulge which firms—he has signed confidentiality agreements.

'NASA AND BAE SYSTEMS STILL DON'T KNOW WHETHER THEY HAVE BEEN SENT UP A BLIND ALLEY'

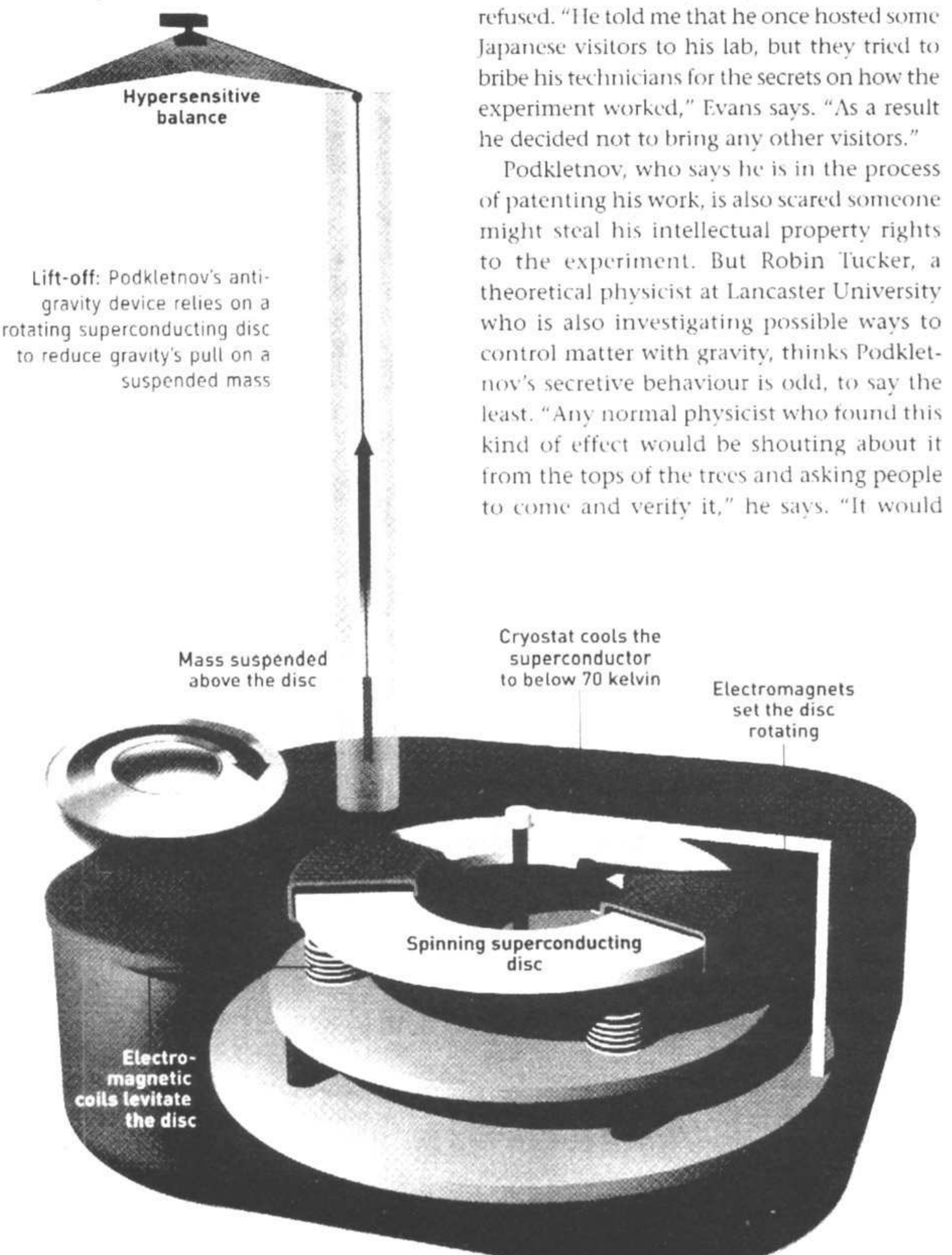
Although Podkletnov is happy to discuss his work, he says no one can come and look at the gravity pulse experiment. It requires extremely high voltages, and the required generating equipment is, unfortunately, in a restricted area of Moscow State University's campus. So he refused my request to watch the gravity generator in action.

Evans, too, has suggested that an independent observer might visit Podkletnov's Moscow laboratory. Again, Podkletnov refused. "He told me that he once hosted some Japanese visitors to his lab, but they tried to bribe his technicians for the secrets on how the experiment worked," Evans says. "As a result he decided not to bring any other visitors."

Podkletnov, who says he is in the process of patenting his work, is also scared someone might steal his intellectual property rights to the experiment. But Robin Tucker, a theoretical physicist at Lancaster University who is also investigating possible ways to control matter with gravity, thinks Podkletnov's secretive behaviour is odd, to say the least. "Any normal physicist who found this kind of effect would be shouting about it from the tops of the trees and asking people to come and verify it," he says. "It would mean a Nobel Prize if you'd actually discovered some kind of gravity focusing."

Podkletnov's refusal to open up to scrutiny leaves the scientific world lacking any independent, verifiable observations of gravity modification. He gave me an untraceable e-mail address for a Takashi Nakamura, who he claimed was a senior physics professor employed at Toshiba Electronics in Japan. Nakamura responded to my e-mail question, saying that he had managed to reproduce Podkletnov's experiments with even better results. "With all my respect to Evgeny-san, our ceramics is better and we got 8.79% of the weight reduction," he wrote. "Our programme of research has already shown much better efficiency."

However, when I asked for references documenting these results, Nakamura terminated the correspondence.



Lift-off: Podkletnov's anti-gravity device relies on a rotating superconducting disc to reduce gravity's pull on a suspended mass

Quantum suspects

Podkletnov's only current collaboration is with Giovanni Modanese, an Italian physicist who is trying to build a theoretical explanation for Podkletnov's results. But because physicists have such a poor understanding of the mechanisms behind both gravity and high-temperature superconductivity, his explanations are necessarily vague. He suggests that quantum processes within the superconducting material are interacting with quantum processes in the gravitational field. But, he admits, he can't go far with the work because there are too many unknowns. Again, Tucker is sceptical even of this attempt to formalise what's going on. "I think the correlation between the experiment and the theoretical description is very tenuous," he says.

So, frustrating as it is, that's as much as we know at the moment. I contacted several of Ning Li's ex-colleagues, but all said they did not know of her current whereabouts or the state of her research. NASA and BAE Systems still don't know whether they have been sent up a blind alley by Podkletnov's enthusiasm. But Koczor believes he'll soon have the answer. "Running the experiment will take six months at most," he says. If it fails to confirm Podkletnov's experiment, that will be the end of the matter. But if the experiment succeeds, and they can modify gravity, then who knows what could be possible? In the end, pigs really might fly.

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THERE *WERE* ABDUCTION CASES AND UFO LANDINGS IN THE USSR! (LETTER TO THE EDITOR)

[One of the interesting overseas groups with whom we link up is the RIAP (Research Institute on Anomalous Phenomena) in the Ukrainian Republic, represented by their Editor Dr. Vladimir V. Rubtsov, who is also a Consultant to FSR.

We have pleasure in reprinting this extremely interesting report by V.K. Zhuravlev from their Volume 7, No. 2/3 (Apr-Sept 2001).

There were abduction cases and UFO landings in the USSR! So far as I can see this is the most definite and most important official statement yet obtained from the former USSR. -G.C.]

Sir, -Publication of the paper *History of State-Directed UFO Research in the USSR* by Yuliy Platov and Boris Sokolov is a really significant stage in the history of scientific ufology. It appeared almost simultaneously in RIAP Bulletin (1999, Vol. 5, No. 3-4) and in the highly authoritative Russian academic periodical-the *Herald of the Russian Academy of Sciences* (2000, Vol. 70,No. 6).

This is quite an event, if for no other reason than that it breaks the secrecy that surrounded the Soviet program of UFO studies in the years 1978-1991, when it was being conducted by academic and military research bodies. Even formally open parts of the program were painstakingly disguised. Now they have become known to the whole reading community.

Future historians of scientific ufology will certainly regard the survey by Platov and Sokolov as a very important document. It could probably be expanded into a book on the same subject matter. Why not also publish concrete scientific results of this program -in particular, those from the fields of atmospheric optics and environmental studies? One day in the future it can certainly become possible.

The present author took part in fulfillment of the *Setka AN* and *Galaktika* UFO study programs as a rank-and-file researcher -working with literature, writing scientific reports, processing photographs and travelling to "hot ufological spots" in the Novosibirsk Region and Altai Mountains. I have also participated in some conferences in Novosibirsk and Moscow, where preliminary results of the program phases were summed up.

Therefore, my impressions of the survey by Platov and Sokolov are not very typical: being rather well aware of many sides of this work "from inside", I cannot perceive it as an outsider. It would be more interesting to learn what impressions are produced by the paper on the readers who are inexperienced in the history of the UFO problem and are still seriously asking themselves: "Do UFOs really exist?"

For me it seems rather strange that Dr. Felix Zigel - the founder of scientific ufology in the USSR, Associate Professor at Moscow Aviation Institute and an expert in astronomy, was presented in the paper as merely another lecturer entertaining his audiences with bizarre hypotheses.

The list of references lacks *UFO Sightings in the USSR* that was published in Moscow in 1993 (five years after Dr. Zigel's death), and also there is no mention of such researchers as V. S. Troitsky, M. A. Zheltukhin, A. N. Dmitriev, B. A. Shurinov... But the sequence of events that led to establishing the official program of UFO studies in the USSR is described in the survey quite impartially.

The authors do not try to conceal the fact that the program was set up under pressure of circumstances. The Academy of Sciences of the USSR, as well as established research institutions of other leading world powers, was never enthusiastic about organizing such studies-even though the UFO problem itself dates as far back as 1947.

Peculiar as it is, this field of knowledge has been "privatized" by a kind of bipolar structure having almost no connections with official science. Nobody ever tried to build this structure, it arose spontaneously in a number of countries, according to the same scheme everywhere:

One pole included informal groups of voluntary enthusiasts of flying saucers, and the other the state intelligence agencies. Relations between these poles were far from cloudless -which has been clearly demonstrated in publications of western ufologists.

According to a logic of events, the Soviet Union could not be an exception to this rule. And suddenly in 1978 there appeared a "third force" -the Academy of Sciences of the USSR! What came of it, one can learn from the survey by Platov and Sokolov.

To put it briefly, spheres of influence have been separated between various departments. Effects accompanying launchings of space and military rockets were studied as something extraordinary due to the regime of secrecy.

For the "authors" of these launchings they were no mysteries at all, appearing as anomalies only to uninitiated Soviet citizens and academic scientists having to solve riddles with a known (to the "initiated" persons) solution.

The main efforts during the 13-year work were wasted by investigating secret illuminations in the night sky. These were not mysteries of nature that are, as a rule, to be studied by the Academy of Sciences, but mysteries of the military-industrial complex.

At the same time, there were recorded very intriguing natural phenomena as well. Some of them are known to science -being, in particular, well described in the classical work *Light and Color in Nature* by M. Minnaert. (There is in this book even a short section dealing with flying saucers.)

It proved, however, evident that not all strange natural phenomena fall into known categories: some of them are indeed new to science. They are rather numerous and various in their origin, being not studied by meteorologists, geophysicists, or oceanographers due to their relative rarity and lack of practicability at the present time.

Information about such phenomena does however circulate among ordinary people who work under the open sky. The present author has satisfied himself that even short visits to the Novosibirsk, Tomsk, and Kemerovo regions, as well as to the Altai Mountains, give an unexpectedly high yield of reliable reports about strange events that are difficult-to-explain.

More often that not, they are simply ignored by "serious people". Any research work conducted in the field (geological, geophysical, etc.) is aimed at practically useful results. As for the tradition of disinterested scientific studies, not connected with applied tasks, it has been as good as lost. This conclusion also stems from the results of the fulfillment of the Soviet UFO program, being certainly worthy of attention.

Platov and Sokolov avoid in their paper touching the set of data gathered in the course of the project. They do not cite results obtained in the framework of the *Setka AN* and *Galaktika* programs by scientists from Nizhniy Novgorod who worked under the guidance of Dr. V. S. Troitsky, a Corresponding Member of the USSR Academy of Sciences.

Neither do they pay any attention to the expeditions to the Altai and Sayan Mountains headed by Dr. A. N. Dmitriev, or to the materials that were examined (and sent to Moscow) in Novosibirsk by Dr. N. A. Zheltukhin, also a Corresponding Member of the Academy of Sciences.

When the first stage of the *Setka AN* program was under completion, the present author wrote a report analyzing the existing (and, certainly, very inhomogeneous) body of publications on the UFO problem.

In it I noted that in the process of this work one should expect gradual accumulation of a limited but inevitable set of data that could not be explained by the effects accompanying aerospace tests, neither by unknown phenomena of nature.

These are eyewitnesses' reports about strange craft whose flight characteristics are far ahead of terrestrial airplanes and rockets, or whose motion is incompatible with known laws of physics. Since there exists no method to scientifically investigate such objects or forecast when and where they will appear next time, they can come into the view of researchers only by chance.

By the end of the fulfillment of the *Galaktika* program I met more than once with this viewpoint in other reports as well. It does seem to have been practically validated. This is, however, difficult for scientists to agree with such "unpleasant" facts as the existence of objects that cannot be scientifically studied or do not obey the elementary laws of physics.

In such cases it seems to be simpler to say with a lofty tone that these facts are unreliable and not worthy of attention on the part of serious specialists. Only in this context can I explain Platov's and Sokolov's assertion that, in the course of the project's work, there was not recorded even a single report of a UFO landing, or a contact with UFO pilots, or an abduction case.

Yuliy Platov published such statements in Soviet newspapers in the 1980's more than once. When the same was said in 1989 in the journal *Vokrug Sveta*, it already looked rather strange. By that time the "rules of game" in the Soviet state had changed due to *perestroika*, which resulted in a real wave of reports in the mass media about humanoids and UFO landings.

Encounters with UFOs and "aliens' in Georgia, the Perm Region, Voronezh and other parts of the USSR became a favorite topic in Soviet newspapers.

Moreover, journalists wondered: why had physicists and chemists from the Academy of Sciences not rushed to question witnesses, collect samples, examine supposed landing traces? Is this not interesting or important at all? And Platov had to explain in irritation to a correspondent of the *Komsomolskaya Pravda* newspaper (his reply was published): "We cannot run about the whole country trying to verify what was said or written by someone somewhere..."

Probably not -but what must science do instead? As noted above, there exists no method to study rare unpredictable phenomena. As a result, these reports were investigated by representatives of the "first force" (amateur ufologists). Agents of the "second force", the secret services, were probably also investigating, but of course nothing is known of their conclusions.

In the fall of 1989 there was held a ufological conference in Petrozavodsk, where methodology and results of these investigations were discussed. Its participants included scientists, engineers, cosmonauts, and journalists from Moscow, Leningrad, Perm, and other cities and regions of the Soviet Union.

But certainly, this meeting was not in accordance with the State program of UFO studies, and the conference recommendations remained unknown to its heads. Several conferences and seminars of this kind have been held in Tomsk.

Dr. E. A. Ermilov from Gorki (now Nizhniy Novgorod) University, who worked together with Dr. V. S. Troitsky, several times invited Yuliy Platov to visit places of supposed UFO landings in the Moscow Region and to examine these sites. However, all these invitations were rejected -the pundits of the State program knew *a priori* that the eyewitnesses were lying.

Of course, one cannot but agree that properly authorized letters, certified with official seals, would have been much preferable to stories told by chance observers. But as luck would have it, this obvious theoretical thesis is not devoid of practical shortcomings.

In particular, the additional workload of conducting observations of anomalous phenomena (certainly, absolutely gratis) was performed at many meteorological stations very unwillingly -mainly for the sake of appearance. The present author knows this at first hand.

One can hardly consider as a merit of the program the fact that it was, according to the authors of the survey, "one of the cheapest, if not just *the* cheapest, among scientific research works in defense fields".

Nobody pondered over the fact that such an "economy" of state resources finally led only to false conclusions and self-deception by the Program's heads. The latter were in fact well aware of such facts as, for example, recurrent meetings of two young girls from an Altai village with

UFO crews described in reports by A. N. Dmitriev (which have by now been declassified - see his book *Cosmo-Terrestrial Connections and the UFOs*, Novosibirsk, 1996).

Organizers of the *Galaktika* program were also informed about a short-term abduction of two workers in the environs of Orsk (Orenburg Region, Russia). Since the Novosibirsk participants of the *Galaktika* program had no funds to travel to Orsk either, N. A. Zheltukhin proposed communicating with the eyewitnesses of this event by phone.

A long talk with the authors of a detailed letter about this strange incident provided reason enough to believe that the latter was not a joke, neither a misinformation. If abduction cases had been considered as a serious matter, this story would have deserved a deep scientific investigation.

But given the complete lack of financing, participants of the program could feel only a moral responsibility for its results at best. It was therefore much more simple and safe to decide that nothing of this sort had ever happened. ...Whence it followed that "there came not a single report of abduction".

Well, as the Russian proverb has it, when baking pancakes you invariably spoil the first one. After the current economical crisis in Russia is overcome, a Second State Program of UFO Studies will not be long in coming. And new generations of researchers, having severely criticized their forerunners for treating the UFO problem in a not-too-scientific way, as well as for the ineffective over-frugality, will take new steps towards the truth.

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It was already clear from the last weeks of 1995 that Puerto Rico was about to have another UFO wave, and this is now in full swing.

At 7.30 p.m. on November 18, 1995, in the municipal region of Barranquitas, a flying saucer of considerable size came down and hovered over the transmission mast of RADIO PROCER and caused a sensation.

The electrical engineer and news-controller of the station, Sr. José Arriaga, heard someone shouting, apparently from a house near by, and then suddenly the entire area was flooded by a vivid white light. Said Arriaga to me: "Simultaneously all the electronic equipment went crazy. Needles jumped about like mad, from one extreme to the other, and the music became distorted.

One old and obsolete instrument that we have had since 1957 caught fire by itself, and it wasn't even plugged in, and its needle also started leaping about! It was unbelievable! I went outside and there was the UFO, up by the mast, an oval-shaped big, grey, metallic thing, emitting powerful light. All round it was a great window, divided up into sections. These windows were square, and darkened - like smoked glass, and showing a dark brownish light. It hung there for a further minute or so and then rose and vanished like a brilliant star."

The people at the nearby Villa Universitaria (University Hostel?) also saw it. But most important of all is the fact that, just prior to this sighting, a number of local residents - adults and children - saw strange creatures moving around about the place - *and the strange creatures looked like the CHUPACABRAS*!

Fig. 1 "Chupacabra" type of creature.

Two boys, Edwin Valdés and Gumersindo Alicea, were playing ball at about 7.20pm and the ball fell into some bushes. They went to look for it, and found themselves face to face with one of these creatures. They said it was about 4ft high and just as described by dozens of other witnesses (Fig. 1). The boys felt no fear and say the

Fig. 2 Gumersindo says he felt paralyzed...

creature just stood there quietly gazing fixedly at them with its red eyes. Then it turned away into the bushes. Gumersindo says he felt paralyzed during the encounter. (Fig. 2)

After the UFO had departed, at 9.00 p.m. a lady named Sra. Doris E. Malavé Matos, from the same block of flats as the boys, saw the same creature (or another one) going round the building and walking up a nearby slope. *The news-casts on TV channels 4 and 11 reported the UFO at Barranquitas, but censored out all reference to these creatures seen there.*

A MOTHER-CRAFT OVER CABO ROJO?

Another incident with an impact occurred one night at the end of November 1995 in the west of the Island, in the Cabo Rojo municipal area, at a place on the coast called Joyuda. Among the eyewitnesses was Sr. Alberto (Tito) Ronda, owner of a well known local restaurant, who told us when we interviewed him:

"When it happened, at around 8.30 to 9.00 p.m., we were out here chatting - there was Dr. Cora, director of the Emergency Department of the Medical Centre in Mayaguez, Sr. Alberto Gómez, and his son, and some of my employees, and myself. We saw what looked like a great big star, stationary in the air, and it sort of opened and out came four bright lights and it closed up again. (fig. 3)

"These lights took up positions, two on each side of the big one, and then began cruising to and fro in front of it. It remained there for about 45 - 60 minutes or so. 'Then the "big light" opened up again and three of the little lights entered it, leaving one outside. Then the big one turned red and moved off southwards and then eastwards - over the Sierra Bermeja mountain range.

"The small white light followed it, as though escorting it. About an hour later an aeroplane and a helicopter arrived and seemed to be investigating and searching the same area where the thing had been hanging. This shows that the Authorities do know what is going on."

Sr. Ronda added: "A lot of folk have come and told us about things they have seen, and there is one point that I find strange: since these things began happening here, there are sometimes - very late in the night - convoys passing along this road (No. 102) - convoys of U.S. Army trucks, with soldiers - at 11.00 p.m. midnight; 1.00 a.m., 2.00 a.m. - sometimes ten to fifteen trucks along this National Highway!"

Another example of what has been going for years past there - Sr. Ronda's wife, Rosita, saw an incredible sight two years ago. She told us: "It was still daylight - about 5.30 to 6.00 p.m. - and several of us heard jet aircraft. Then I was called out, and we saw some jet aircraft chasing a UFO - quite a big one, grey, metallic, more or less oval, like a disc, with a cupola on top. I

Fig. 3 The smaller objects cruised around the larger.

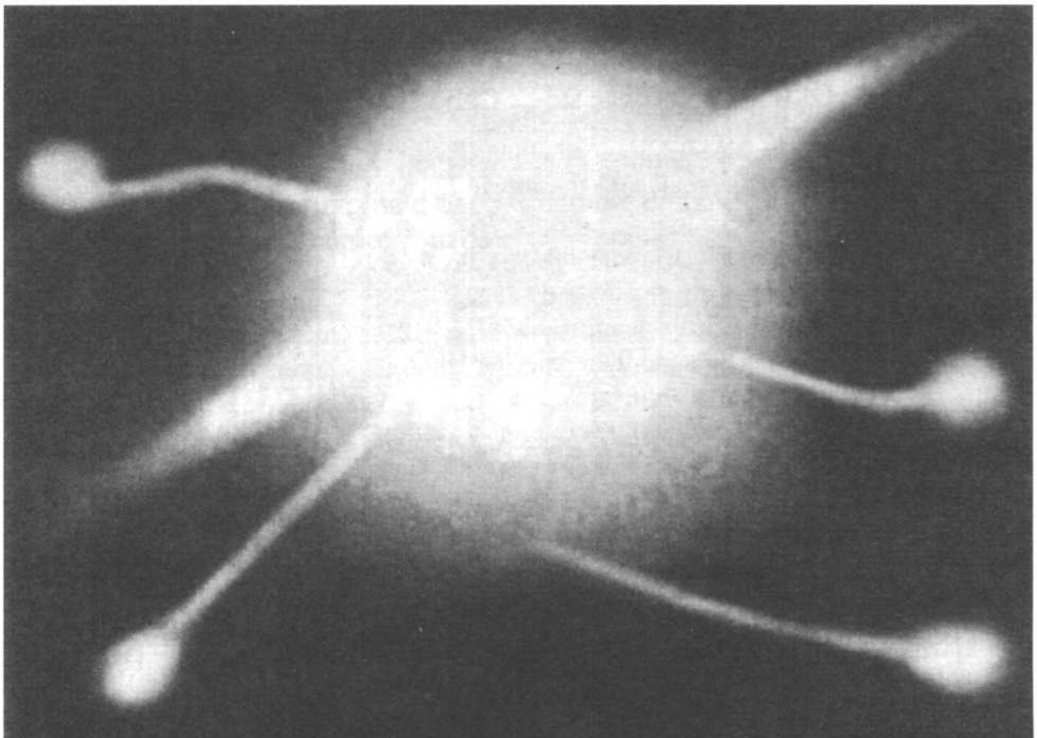
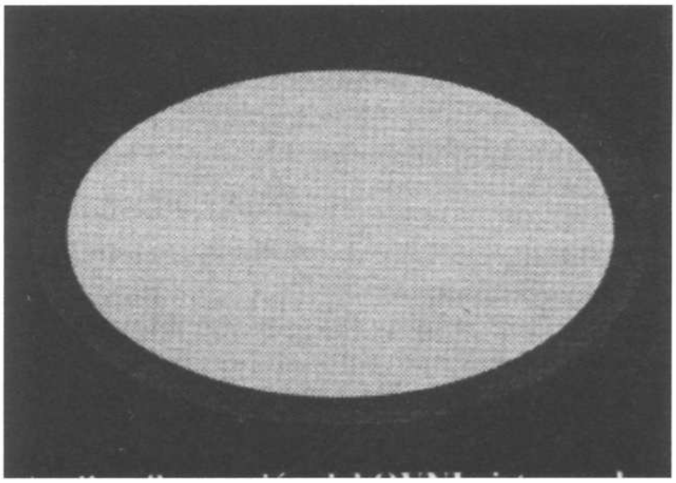


Fig. 4 Computer simulation of UFO with jets.



Fig, 5 Sketch of UFO seen in Santa Clara.

would say like a hat in shape. You could see it all very clearly, and some military jets were chasing it.

"As the jets got near it, it did a 90-degree turn and vanished southwards at a tremendous speed. The jets could not equal it, and went off." (Fig. 4) Señor Ronda concluded his statement: "All this has been going on here like this for years past, weird, strange things, and the Security Agencies of the USA and of Puerto Rico who are concerned with such matters are concealing something. Something is going on. And they are hiding it. I don't know the reason. But it worries me".

SIMILAR CASE IN LAJAS.

Towards the end of November 1995 Sr. Nicolás Santiago, a fisherman from Lajas in the S.W. part of the Island, was out at sea late at night when he had an encounter with similar objects. Out of one big UFO came lots of smaller ones which started flying around all over the place. Shortly after that, the big UFO, along with all the small ones, moved off to the area where the U.S. authorities have their big stationary balloon or *"aerostat"* moored, and they approached it.

"This has been going on for a long time. And - do you know something - those UFOs are bringing something to that balloon? It is as though they are seeking something, or watching for something, because they halt there, above where that globe is.

"Maybe there's something going on there that we don't know about. Or maybe they get energy from the globe? I don't know,. But there's definitely something going on there!". [Note by G.C. Many of Jorge's reports mention this "balloon". The U.S. authorities are said to claim it is used for detecting smugglers(!)]

UFO WITH OCCUPANTS IN RIO PIEDRAS?

On the morning of December 13, 1995, Señora Carmen Vázquez, resident in Puerto Nuevo, was driving in her car along the Avenida Campo Rico, near Calle Eider, in the "Country Club" housing estate at Rio Piedras, when her five-year-old daughter, who was with her, said urgently: "Look! What's that!"

She peered and saw, there ahead of her, a brightly shining oval object flying away eastwards towards El Yunque Mountain. The daughter went on: *"That thing had little windows and at the little windows there were some little kids looking at me".*

Intrigued by what the child was saying, Sra. Vázquez, when she had got home, looked out a copy of our journal (*EVIDENCIA OVNI*) that she had bought, and gave it to the child to look at. The child leafed through it, and suddenly said: *"Here they are, Mama! That's what the nenes (kids) were like!"*

Sra. Vázquez looked, and saw at once that what the daughter was pointing to was a drawing of the "Little Grey" type of humanoid. Evidently when the child had cried out the UFO was right close to the car and she had had a very clear view of them.

Previously to that, Señora Vázquez had also seen, on two occasions in June 1995, and both times at 2.00 a.m., a bright reddish-orange UFO stationary over an electricity plant at Guaynabo. As it was quite distant the UFO must have been pretty large indeed, and had 'a sort of appendage projecting from one side'.

In another case, at 10.30 p.m., over Guaynabo, a Sr. Santos Santiago and several other residents saw a UFO with a red light on its underpart circling silently above a high tension pylon in the Santa Rosa suburb. Shortly after the UFO had departed, a helicopter of the Puerto Rico Police arrived and flew about over the area inspecting it with a powerful searchlight - no doubt in response to the many calls from the public.

At 3.00 a.m. on December 31, 1995, another glowing, orange, oval-shaped UFO was seen by 50 people in the Santa Clara suburb of Rio Piedras. (Fig. 5).

ALSO AT CIDRA.

On the same date, December 31, Sr. Francisco García, of Cidra, his family, and neighbours, saw a large red shining ball of light flying silently overhead.

Many employees of a local chemical plant of Smith, Kline and Beechams, in the same area, saw a disc with brilliant lights all around its rim, come down and very nearly land, after which they saw it take of again and head towards the local lake, Cidra Lake, *where they thought it went down into the water.* The same thing occurred again on January 1, 1996.

MORE UFOS OVER LAJAS AND GUAYNABO.

In the nights of January 4 and 5, 1996, residents of the Guanabo area saw a huge luminous orange-coloured

ball fly over. There were commercial aircraft overhead at the time, some of the eyewitnesses say the pilots must have seen the UFO.

At Lajas in the night of January 3, 1996, Sr. Carlos Rivera of Lajas and a friend were out at sea, fishing, when *they saw a whole area of the surface of the sea lit from below, from a big round object down there.* (Fig. 6) The light emitted by the UFO was a light blue and it also had a central light which seemed to be revolving.

On January 16 there was a massive sighting over Lajas, when numerous witnesses saw a large circular UFO, with many lights around its rim, shooting down beams of light onto a small hill, *and simultaneously there was an electricity blackout.* Lajas Police and the radio stations were inundated with calls. We interviewed Lt. Remigio Camacho, head of the Lajas Police, who said:

"Ever since January 11 we have been having masses of calls from folk who say they have been seeing UFOs, and in the last one (yesterday, Jan.17) at 2.05 am. the eyewitnesses saw a big silent circular object emitting lights of various colours flying around in circles, not in a way that an aircraft could do.

"As regards the electricity, Sra. Lilliam Irizarry Ramírez, a local resident, swears that while the UFO was there the power supply was affected. *However I contacted the Electricity Authority people about it, and they say they have no record of any such power cut. So, if it happened, then it was only at a local level.* We ourselves have no idea as to what can be the cause of all this. We get all these reports from the public, and we pass them on to the Police...."

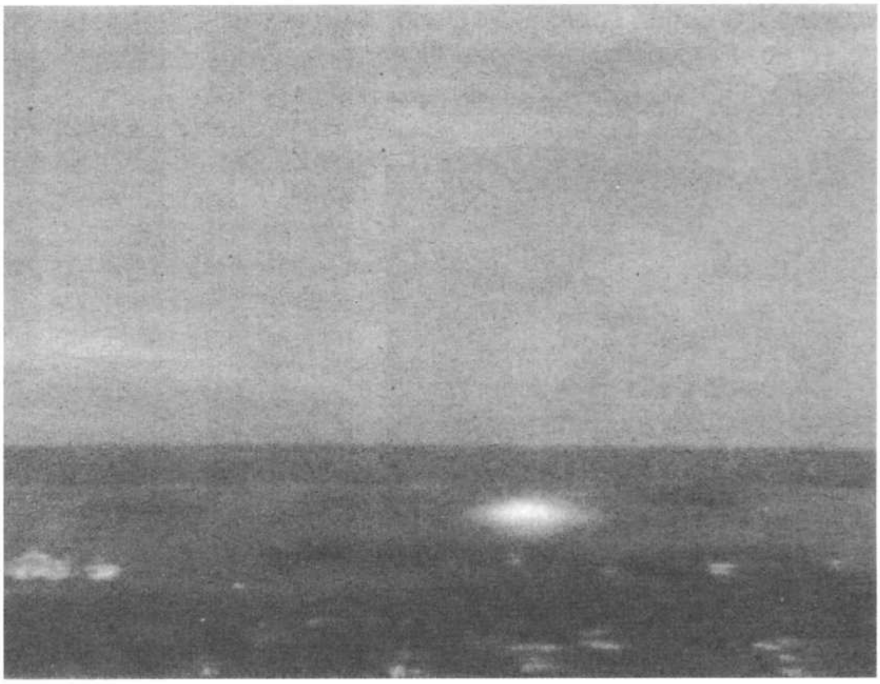


Fig. 6 A whole area of the sea lit up from below.

We asked Police Lt. Camacho whether in his opinion this is a repetition of what happened two years ago in the South-West of the Island, when there were countless UFO sightings and countless claims of having seen alien beings, all through the region, particularly around Lake Cartagena?".

He replied: "On that occasion the alleged sightings were mostly limited to one area. There are three suburban areas where these flying objects are being seen this time."

Lack of space prevents us from being able to report more, but this gives an idea of the intensity of what is going on at present. Certainly 1996 has begun "with a bang" And we may well wonder what the rest of this year will bring?

Because it may well finally oblige the authorities to reveal something about the reality of the situation - which is that we are not alone and that other beings from the Cosmos are visiting us. Let us be alert for what comes next.■

STRANGE UFO HAPPENINGS IN THE LAJAS AREA (SOUTH-WEST PUERTO RICO). © BY JORGE MARTÍN,

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[Since the end of 1995, UFO activity in the south-western part of the Island of Puerto Rico has seen a powerful resurgence, most especially in the region comprising the two Municipal Areas of Lajas and Cabo Rojo. Along with numerous UFO sightings there have been some certainly very strange and peculiar situations, in which the U.S. Armed Forces appear to be connected in some mysterious way with the UFO scene as it is developing there.

The zone around Lajas appears to be quite particularly involved in these events, especially in connection with the *"Aerostat"* (See Fig 2) - which is the name given locally to a large stationary sort of balloon or airship (similar to the barrage balloons of WWII in shape -G.C.), which the U.S. authorities have, permanently moored over the Lajas area. Officially the authorities have claimed it was there "to help with the anti-drug campaign," but it seems that many do not believe this, and prefer to think that it is more likely to be engaged in *"monitoring the UFO activity in the area".* What, then, really is going on? What is being hidden from us? Here are some fresh considerations on the situation. J.M.]

In *EVIDENCIA OVNI* No. 9 we discussed some of the cases from the intense UFO wave in our South-West, particularly in the coastal areas of Lajas and Cabo Rojo.

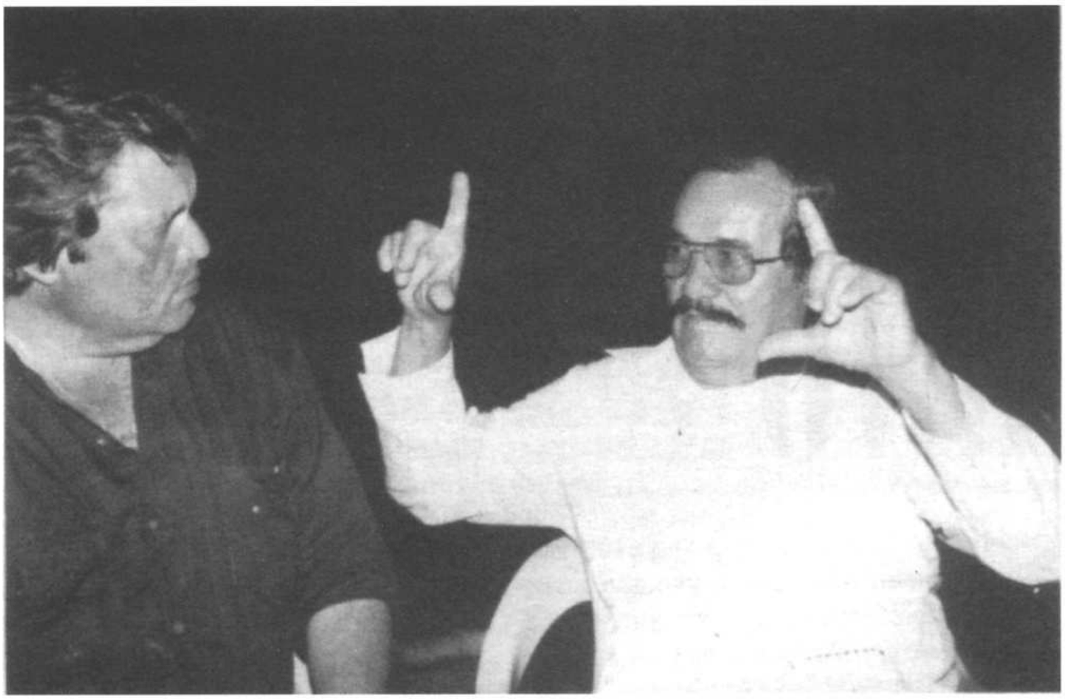


Fig.1 Sr. Vargas describes UFO flying near *Aerostat*.

(Already translated as, "*What does the Year 1996 have in Store for us". G.C.)*

As we mentioned, the huge UFOs being seen over that coastal region of the West, were sometimes seen putting out numerous smaller glowing craft that flew around.

We also mentioned that the craft, both large and small, always seem to gravitate towards the "Aerostat" and the facilities below it, in the Olivares area of Lajas, where they would then hover briefly and then rise into the sky and head off, almost always on a western or south-western course.

WHY? Is it that the "Aerostat" may have a double function? Not only to watch over the contraband drug situation in the region, but also to watch the UFO activities?

We learn from confidential, "inside" sources that the "Aerotstat's" radar screen and system are linked to others at the Roosevelt Roads U.S. Naval Station at Ceiba (far eastern end of the Island of Puerto Rico) and with the U.S. Naval Base at Sabana Seca, at Toa Baja (on the north coast), and all in turn linked up with U.S. Naval headquarters in the Capital, San Juan.

According to our informant, whenever an "unknown", with the usual 'UFO' features, appears on the screens, the Puertorican technicians who are present are ordered to leave the chamber where the radar screen for the control of the "Aerostat" is located, and only U.S. - i.e. "North American", personnel remain. Why such secrecy? What are they trying to hide?

We learn from our source that it is here that is recorded and registered everything about the flight and passage of UFOs, their routes, their points emergence from the sea, of entry into the sea, and along the south-western coast. The objective of all of which is to localize and identify alleged subterranean alien bases deep in the sea off the West Coast. And of course the whole defence and intelligence system in Puerto Rico is in permanent and instant linkage with the whole system in the United States.

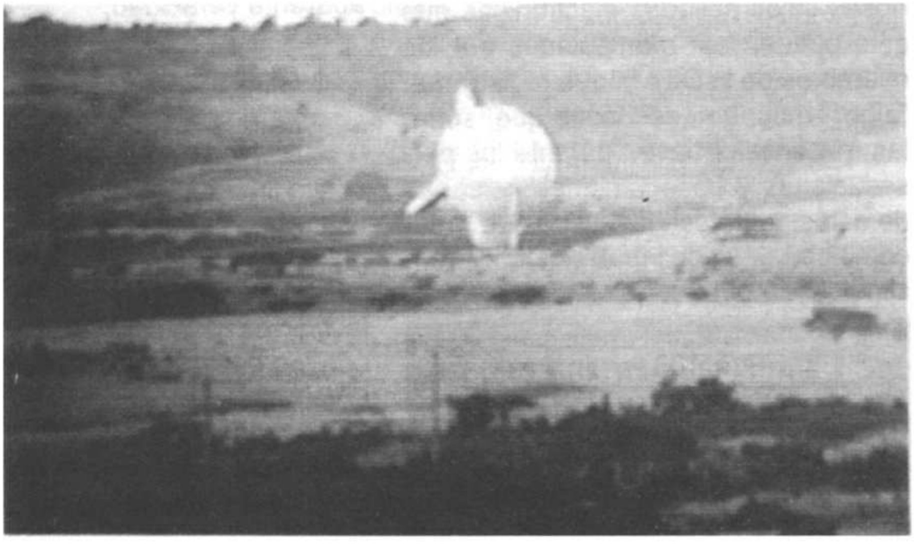
According to the same source, the DEA (Drug Eviction Act Agency), the U.S. federal body in the struggle against the drug traffic, ALSO KEEPS A RECORD OF SOMETHING ELSE - namely to do with UFOs. Every time, after a 'plane has had a UFO encounter, people from the DEA collect "the boxes" from the aircraft, remove the information, and put the "boxes" back into the aircraft.

IS OFFICIAL CONTACT CONCEALED?

Numerous facts related to UFO happenings have glimpses of disquieting angles to the phenomenon which could indicate that the U.S. Government, or a faction in it, could be in contact with the intelligences behind the UFO business.

In December 1995, Señor Francisco Vargas, a resident of El Papayo, in Lajas, was an eyewitness of the movements of the great glowing UFO with its lesser UFOs emerging from it into the sky over the coast of Lajas. He

Fig. 2 View of tethered *Aerostat* surveillance balloon.



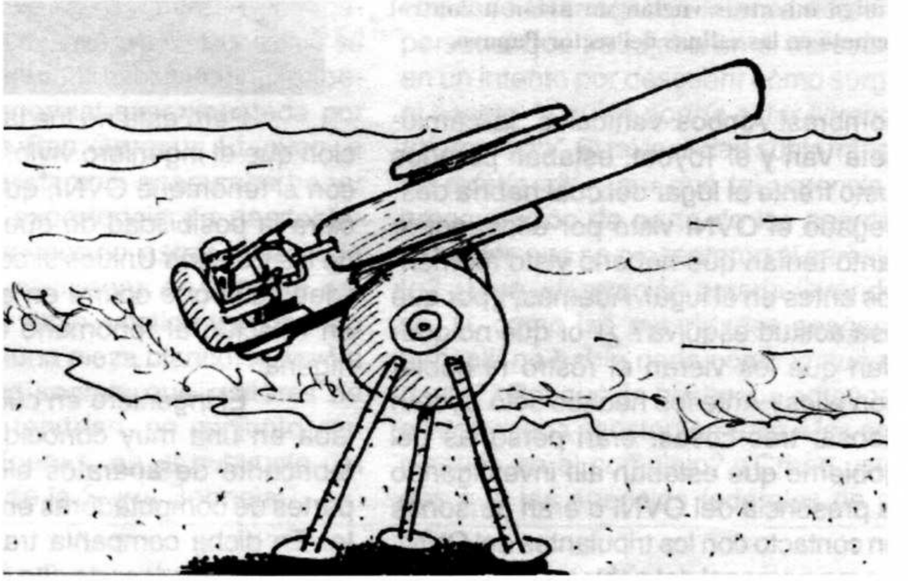


Fig. 3 Sketch of mysterious "cannon-telescope" of military.

was fishing, out at sea, with one of his sons, just south of the area where the *"Aerostat"* station is located, at about 2.00 a.m. in the early morning. He observed something very strange. Happening to glance towards the *"Aerostat"*, the premises of which were lit up, he was astounded to see an unusual and abnormal glow in that area. The brightness was coming from below, from the ground, *upwards*. And he saw an object go up vertically from the area *where the buildings of the "Aerostat" facility are*.

He told us: "It was round, a disc, with lots of coloured lights, very vivid, all around its edge. It was a lovely, beautiful sight. It came from where the *"Aerostat is"*, and went up vertically to about 500 ft, and then hung there, *above the "Aerostat". It was a flying saucer!* - Nothing more nor less. An actual flying saucer, round, metallic, with lots of bright lights and, as we could see, a cupola on top. It made no sound, and was quite big. After that it went on up, and vanished into the sky." (See Fig. 1)

We asked him: "Are you absolutely sure that it came from where the facilities of the *"Aerostat"* are? "Yes" he replied, "I'm very sure of that. It came from below. And it came from there. I don't know whether it came from anything below the ground or whether it came from the run-way where the *"Aerostat"* globe is anchored - but *yes - it came from there!"*

"But that's nothing new here. I have been seeing these machines around here ever since 1946. In fact, when I was 12 years old, I had just been working with my dad on a field of sugar-cane in Lajas. It was morning, because the sun was pretty hot so we worked at night on the cane.

"Suddenly a huge round thing came down from the sky - like a dish - and shone a very bright, bluish-white - but very hot - beam of light at us. It stung our skin - it was so hot. We both threw ourselves into the plants to hide from it, and even there we felt the heat and the burning effect on us.

"The thing remained there a while, and I remember how the sweat was pouring off me. Then suddenly that thing rose and left. We both got up and went home. After that, my father got ill, and gradually went down and down. He had fever, and pains in his bones, and some tumours, and an eruption came on his skin.

"Six months later, the doctors said he had cancer, and he died of it shortly after that. I'm not saying that that light did anything to him to cause the illness, because nothing has happened to me myself, and I was also exposed to it, my attention was indeed drawn to the coincidence of those two things happening at the same time, - what do you think?

"After that I've seen lots of those objects - which in my opinion are the craft of extraterrestrials who are *here*, living here with us, possibly underneath the ground here, *and the Puerto Rico Government, and the Americans, know it"*.

Again I asked: "And you say you are sure that you saw the flying saucer come up out of the area of the *"Aerostat"* ? What makes you think that ?"

He answered: "In my opinion the Americans are in contact with extraterrestrials in that place, and there is something going on there that they are hiding from the people of Puerto Rico. Either that - or that saucer which came up out of there is from *them - from the Americans* - and they have got it hidden there - they are testing something. But in my opinion, - so far as I am concerned - they are in contact with *them .... with the extraterrestrials.*

"Look - I often can't get to sleep early, and I remain right outside, on the balcony here, looking up at the stars and enjoying the fresh night air, and I have seen lots of these things, these UFOs, - *because they are craft* - passing overhead here. But I have also seen, at around 2 o'clock in the morning, how convoys of American trucks, field *sapas* as we call them (word not known, G.C.) - a sort of OMNI type of jeep), go by, together with another big military truck loaded with something big that is

Fig. 4 Sketch of "Saturn"-type UFO.

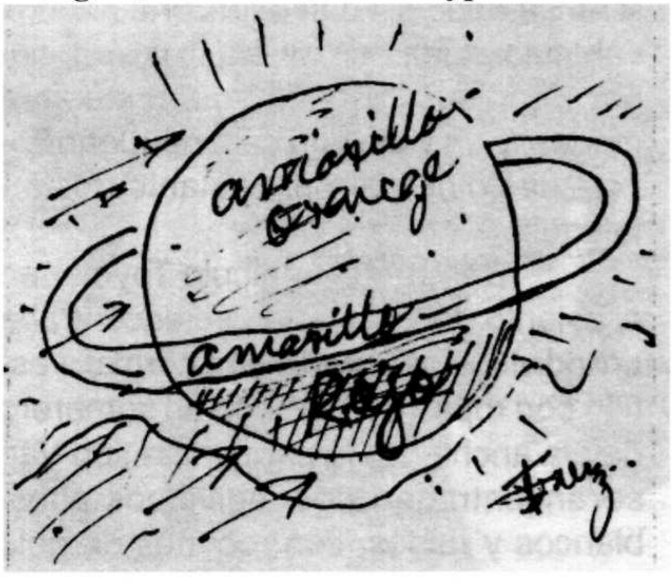


Fig. 5 Electronics engineer & friend flying remote-controlled planes.

A SECRET PLOT ?

And now, to cap what Sr. Vargas has said, we will present the incident experienced by two Puertorican citizens living in the municipality of San Germán - also an incident that provides plenty to think about.

Both individuals (they have requested anonymity for the present) are keen addicts of the sport of flying radio-controlled model aircraft. One evening, in the summer of 1989, as it was getting dark, they were just returning home from flying their models on the sands at El Papayo, in Lajas Province, a spot much favoured by the *aficionados* of this sport for its level ground, free of vegetation. (See Fig. 5)

As they were driving along Highway 324 towards the 305, to La Parguera, they were surprised to see, coming from behind a mountain to their right, a large round object of the 'flying saucer' type enveloped in a reddish light and with a 'Saturn' shape. (See Fig. 4). The UFO, emitting a hum, shot upwards at an angle of about 45 degrees and rapidly vanished in the sky towards the south-east.

Impressed, they speeded up to round a curve and get a better view of it, and they were surprised to see, parked in front of them on the road, two vehicles, one of them a black van with its windows slightly "smoked" and a small old pretty ramshackle brown *Toyota* car.

Sitting in the driving seat of the *Toyota* was an individual of a normal complexion, in civilian clothes, with a broad-brimmed hat. And in the van were two tall, white, blond individuals, with very short hair-cuts, apparently Americans, wearing one-piece overalls like those of mechanics, black or dark-blue in colour, and dark glasses.

Excited, because they perceived that the two vehicles were parked precisely opposite the spot from which the UFO had seemingly taken off, our two eyewitnesses pulled up beside the two vehicles and asked: "*Did you see that?! We saw that thing that went up from there! That was incredible, wasn't it? Didn't you see it ?*"

But the individuals in the van paid no attention to their words and simply sat there looking in front of them, very stiff, and apparently annoyed by their presence there. Puzzled by the attitude of those two individuals, they moved closer to the *Toyota,* and asked the person inside it if *he* had seen the UFO, but he too, in very strange fashion, refused to speak to them, and turned his face towards the right-hand side and pulled his hat down as though hiding his face.

The eyewitnesses were baffled as to what the meaning

covered with canvas, and armed soldiers going along with it. And they always come, as it seems, from La Montalva (between Guanica and Lajas) and at this same time.

"Behind the "*sapas*" and the big truck come two police patrols, as though escorting them, but the police in those patrols are never from this western area - they're not personnel from anywhere in this coastal area. It's my opinion that they are from San Juan or some other part of the Island. Why so much mystery? Why do they go by at this hour of the night, as if so as not to let people see them? What is it that they want to hide?

"Look you - me, I'm a bit fond of fishing, so I often go out to fish at about 2.00 o'clock in the morning. And at times, when I arrive at the beach, at Papayo, and am about to put out to do my fishing, I encounter these military people dressed in camouflage uniform, these people with the jeeps and the big truck... doing something there at that hour of the night.

"And do you know what that covered thing carried by the truck is? Well - it's a big thing, that seems like a telescope, a weird thing that is a sort of mixture between a telescope and a big gun. It has tripod legs, and something underneath like a base, and there is a seat on the cannon, and a soldier sitting on the seat controlling the strange apparatus - the cannon or the telescope - whatever it may be. (See Fig. 3).

"They keep that "cannon-telescope" "aimed", at an inclined angle to the sky, pointing towards the stars. What are they looking for? I don't know, but something tells me that they are fighting the UFOs. The soldier who is sitting in the seat, at the base of that thing, is controlling it, and directing it towards different points of the sky, as though seeking something. That's why *I say* that the Government KNOW what is going on here, and is hiding it from us. And it is time that they told us the truth".

Such were the final comments of Sr. Francisco Varg

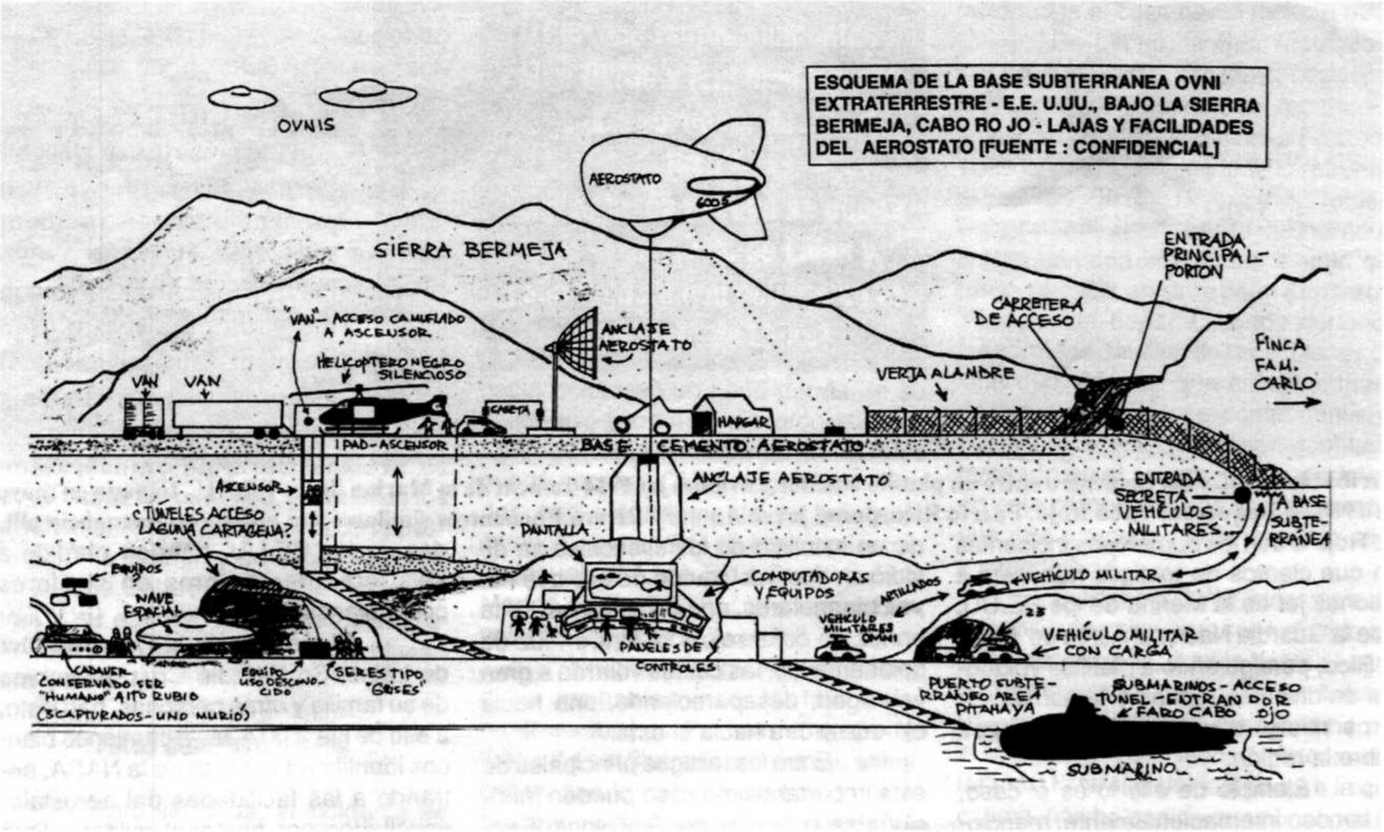


Fig. 7 Diagram of subterranean extraterrestrial-U.S. base.

of all this could be but now they immediately perceived the reason for the mysterious behaviour of the men in these two vehicles! Both vehicles were standing opposite the spot from where the UFO seen by the eyewitnesses must have taken off, so the men in the vehicles *must* have seen it. But why their odd behaviour? Why the unwillingness to talk or to show their faces? Only three conclusions were possible. Either (a) the men in the vehicles were Government men investigating UFOs, or (b) they were persons in contact with the UFO crew, of *(c) they were **Government** men who were apparently in contact with the UFO crew.*

Thoroughly nervous and worried that they might have seen something that they ought not to have seen, the two witnesses rapidly fled from the scene.

One of these witnesses - an engineer - remained extremely worried for a couple of months afterwards, fearing that "somebody" (i.e. the Goverment) would come to his house looking for him because he had seen what he shouldn't have seen. Because those men in the vehicles had also seen *them*, and must also have seen his car number-plate, and would therefore assuredly have secured his address, etc. He was scared about his safety. However, nothing did happen, and there was no change. The other eyewitness, a businessman, took the experience more calmly.

But, well now .... who WERE those mysterious people in the vehicles at the spot where the UFO must have been? WHY were they there? Were they maybe linked in some way with the UFO? The response to these questions still remains to be seen.

But that wasn't the only experience that the engineer had in relation to UFOs. What is going on in the western part of the Island of Puerto Rico in connection with the UFO/alien phenomena *is indeed real.*

This engineer in question was working in a very well known company manufacturing electronic equipment and computer parts, located in that western area. In that same company there was also working a high-level supervisor, an American aged about 60, whom everyone in the company suspected of having links with some military or Intelligence agency of the USA, because, every time that something important at a military or security level happened, "somebody" communicated with him via a radio set which he always carried with him and he always had to leave his work and then settle down again as soon as possible afterwards.

Well now - on one occasion - arising out of the incident on the night of December 28, 1988, in which two *F12 Tomcat* fighter planes of the U.S. Navy disappeared - captured in mid-air by a gigantic triangular UFO over the Laguna (lake) Cartagena - (Saman area of Cabo Rojo), this engineer said, in English and in a joking tone, to the mentioned supervisor - and in front of a group of his companions - "THEY ARE NOT LOST! WE KNOW WHERE THEY ARE, AND WE ARE GOING TO GET THEM BACK!". After that the American seemed to realize that he had committed a grave indiscretion and he fell silent and went away immediately.

Nevertheless, to the engineer and to all those present it was obvious that the U.S. Authorities in Puerto Rico *do know* what is going on in the south-western part of the Island in connection with the UFO/ alien business. The supervisor's words to the effect that "they" knew where the planes and pilots captured by the UFO *were*, and that they were going to rescue them, is clear proof of it.

MORE ON THE SOUTH-WEST AND THE "AEROSTAT"

Well now, returning to the matter of the "*Aerostat" in Lajas,* what is it that is going on there? No matter what the Authorities say, what is certain is that the people living around there have, for a long time past, observed how the UFOs display a very special intest in the place, as also in the Sierra Bermeja Mountain Range and Lake Cartagena - both in the same area.

Could that relate to the fact that the crews of those UFOs have bases in the subsoil of the region, as many folk conjecture, or can it perhaps be that it is *the USA* that has these bases, and the aliens are watching them very closely. Or - thirdly - can it be that *both* of these possibilities are true?

A few years ago, the journalist Julio Víctor Ramírez published a diagram of an alleged joint underground base of the U.S. military forces and the Aliens, said to exist right below where the "*Aerostat" is. The journalist was not able to give an* assurance *that the base existed, but, having received the diagram confidentially from someone else, he desired, in the face of the numerous UFO incidents in that region, to make known yet one more angle on the things that people were saying about the enigma of the* "Aerostat" *and the incidence of UFO happpenings there.*

We, for our part, had also received a copy of the said diagram at around the same date, and we knew indeed that it had originated as a result of a paranormal experience undergone by a young fellow from San Germán.

This young man, who we did interview, assured us that he had had an experience of *astral projection* in the course of which an alien being of human appearance, tall and blond, and dressed in a tight-fitting one-piece white garment, had taken him to a secret facility that the U.S. military have, together with alien beings, in the subsoil underneath the *Aerostat"* and under the Sierra Bermeja Range of Mountains.

The sketch of this underground facility (see Fig. 7) was based on the young man's recollection of what he had seen there during his strange experience.

Although nobody can give any assurance that the said secret facility really does exist, it s equally certain that, when the sketch was published - so our own "inside sources" in the "*Aerostat*" inform us - the Federal Authorities on the Island of Puerto Rico "*seemed to go crazy"* in their alarm about "*something"* regarding the sketch in question.

Interestingly enough, while on the one hand the local and Federal authorities denied everything relating to the said sketch and to the alleged secret facility beneath the premises of the "Aerostat", on the other hand they conducted an intensive interrogation of the personnel working at the "*Aerostat"* in order to find out how the sketch had come into existence "*and who could have been leaking information?"*

If such a subterranean facilty did not exist there, then why such urgency and preoccupation on the part of the Federal agents who came to the "*Aerostat*"? What information would be leaking out, if, as the authorities assured, there was nothing there of the kind that people were saying there was! Then why were they interrogating and harassing the employees on the complex? Do you believe that the Federal Agencies of Investigation, such as the FBI and the DEA (Drug Eviction Act Agency) would spend precious funds on investigating the source of something that doesn't exist!

Yet another example of the alleged UFOs - "*AEROSTAT*" interaction is the sighting which the young woman Jocelyn Irizarry and her husband and children, living on the Avenida 65 de Infanteria, in Lajas town, had on June 17,1991, when they saw an enormous UFO of the flying saucer type, with a cupola and brilliant lights all around it, hanging stationary in the air at the side of the radar globe. On that occasion she contacted the Lajas Police Headquarters, and a sergeant named Toro said to them: "*You have seen nothing. Don't talk to anybody about this*!"

UFOs VERSUS INTERCEPTOR JETS OF THE U.S. NAVY AND OF THE PUERTO RICO NATIONAL AIR GUARD.

Further examples of the important UFO happenings in the LAJAS and CABO ROJO zone are the numerous incidents in which hundreds of eyewitnesses have seen jet aircraft of the U. S. Navy and of the Puerto Rico National Air Guard pursuing flying saucers of various types and sizes as well as other mysterious aerial devices over the region.

A good example of this is the case, already mentioned by us above, and already famous internationally, of the encounter between some jets of the U. S. Navy and an enormous triangular UFO, which occurred on December 28, 1988, at 7.45p.m.

On that occasion, numerous eyewitnesses, resident in the La Parguera, Maguayo, and Olivares sectors of Lajas, and in the Boquerón, Las Parcelas Betances, and other sectors, of Cabo Rojo, saw the huge triangle, with a great round yellow light on its underside, flying over the Sierra Bermeja Range and Lake Cartagena. Along with the UFO, they saw two jets chasing it and intercepting it. Suddenly the UFO halted in mid-air, and it seemed as though one of the jets, which was passing behind it, would collide with it, but the jet suddenly vanished. The same thing happened with the second jet, for which reason the eyewitnesses all felt that the UFO had captured them both. After that, the UFO hovered at a height of some 100 ft. above the palm trees of the pool at Saman and then, with a burst of silent light, it divided into two, producing two triangular craft, one of them enveloped in red light and the other in yellow light, both of which then vanished at high speed, one towards the North and the other towards the East.

Among the principal eyewitnesses to this most important case we can mention the family of Sr. Eulogio Santiago in La Parguera, the families Sr. Roosevelt Acosta and of his brother Heriberto Acosta, and many neighbouring residents in the parts of Olivares (Lajas Province) lying right close to the side of the "*Aerostat*", and also the Diodonnet-Cotté family of Sabana Yeguas,

also in Lajas Province.

We should also mention most specially the family of Sr. Carlos Mercado and the family of Sr. Edwin Olmeda, among others, residing in Parcelas Betances, in Cabo Rojo Province, and also the family of Sr. Luis Rivera in Boquerón, and also others in Cabo Rojo Province.

The U.S. Navy continues to deny that this incident of the two Tomcats ever occurred, but the investigation made by us at the time, and the large number of eyewitnesses throughout the whole region, refute the denials. ***And we even have confidential reports from within the U.S. Navy to the effect that, in the period comprising October to December of 1988, the U.S. Armed Forces lost six interceptor jets in similar circumstances.***

The Director of Civil Defence for Lajas Province, Sr. Freddie Cruz and members of his family and other persons, have seen white trucks, identified as belonging to NASA, entering the premises of the "*Aerostat*" at around 2.00 am, escorted by military personnel. What has NASA got to do with that place? That is a question that has never been answered satisfactorily.

Indeed, to give the precise truth, during some interviews which the Japanese UFO investigator, Yun Ichi and Yaoi and I, with a crew from the Nippon TV (Japanese television network), had at the "*Aerostat*" in 1992, one of the policemen there actually assured us that a part of the activities of the complex there are under the control of NASA and of the CIA.

On the other hand, Sr. Cruz and neighbours, and several of his employees in the Civil Defence, also saw one evening, from his residence in Santa Rosa de Lajas district, a flying saucer being pursued by two military jets. Suddenly the saucer split into two, in the midst of a burst of light. The upper part, with a cupola, separated from the lower, and both parts vanished in different directions at high speed. The two aeroplanes, whose pilots seemed confused, flew around over the area for a few moments and then departed towards the East (towards the U.S. Naval Base of Roosevelt Roads, maybe at Ceiba? (Far eastern end of the Island. G.C.)

In our last issue (*EVIDENCIA OVNI* No.10) we gave several other cases of this sort, including those of Sr. Tito Roldán and his wife Rosita, at Joyuda, Cabo Rojo, and that of Sr. Carlos Torres and his wife in the Pedernales district, also of Cabo Rojo Province.

CONTROVERSIAL PHOTOGRAPHS.

But undoubtedly the incident of this type that has created most discussion in Puerto Rico and abroad is the alleged encounter of the young man Amaury Rivera, who avers that he was kidnapped by the crew of a UFO in Cabo Rojo and liberated later in the Las Palmas district.

After the event, when be arrived back at his house in Boquerón, he said he had heard the sound of jet turbines flying low over the area and, on looking up, had been astonished to see several military jets chasing a flying saucer (maybe the one in which he had been captured just previously?).

Having a *Kodak Instamatic* camera to hand in his car, he ran up to a slope behind his house and took several photographs of the incident. In the photos the UFO, of saucer type, was, so he says, stationary in the sky, while several *F 14 Tomcat* type jets of the U.S. Navy were flying very near to it and examining it. (See Fig. 8)

Originally Rivera had said that he had taken the photographs in the Las Palmas area, when he was just coming to himself again after having been set free by the aliens who had captured him, but subsequently he revealed to us that really he had been up on the hill behind his own house, at Boquerón Why had he concealed the exact spot? It's simple. In order to please his uncle and aunt, owners of that house, who did not want to have their privacy affected in anyway.

With the same objective, his family also asked us to conceal the facts about the spot where the photos had been taken, and we gave our word, but later an individual* of the Cabo Rojo area discovered the spot, and, enraged in a personal revenge against Rivera because the latter would not permit him to set himself up as Rivera's 'manager' or 'agent' for the handling of his photos and other material in return for an economic percentage (the individual in question was dreaming of making many thousands of dollars out of the affair and making himself famous over the Rivera case), the individual set about creating an irregular and not very ethical situation in order to possess himself of Amaury Rivera's photos so as to be able to exploit them economically!

Then, later, when he had failed to do that, he dedicated himself to the task of carrying on a campaign to discredit and defame Amaury Rivera and those of us who knew about the individual's shady dealings. In his campaign he has been alleging that Amaury Rivera had fabricated the photos and that these are therefore fraudulent. Nevertheless, all his allegations failed following upon the analysis of the pictures and after everybody connected with the case in one way or another had been questioned.

As a matter of fact, Señora Magdalena Del Amo Freixedo, an excellent investigative journalist, and wife of the well-known Spanish investigator Salvador Freixedo, visited Puerto Rico and researched everything concerning the case of Amaury Rivera and his photographs and the unethical transactions of the individual, and wrote a report on the whole affair which was published in the Spanish review *ESPACIO Y TIEMPO* (SPACE AND TIME), in which she denounced the sordid details of the individual's activities - which same activities have been the very antithesis of what should be the behaviour of a UFO investigator seriously interested in the subject, whose course of action must always follow a line characterized by the highest ethics and seriousness.

***EVIDENCIA OVNI* has a copy of Señora Del Amo Freixedo's report,* and has her permission for it to be published in our own pages too, and if we have not yet done so it is because Sr. Amaury Rivera, feeling much pity for the individual in question and feeling**

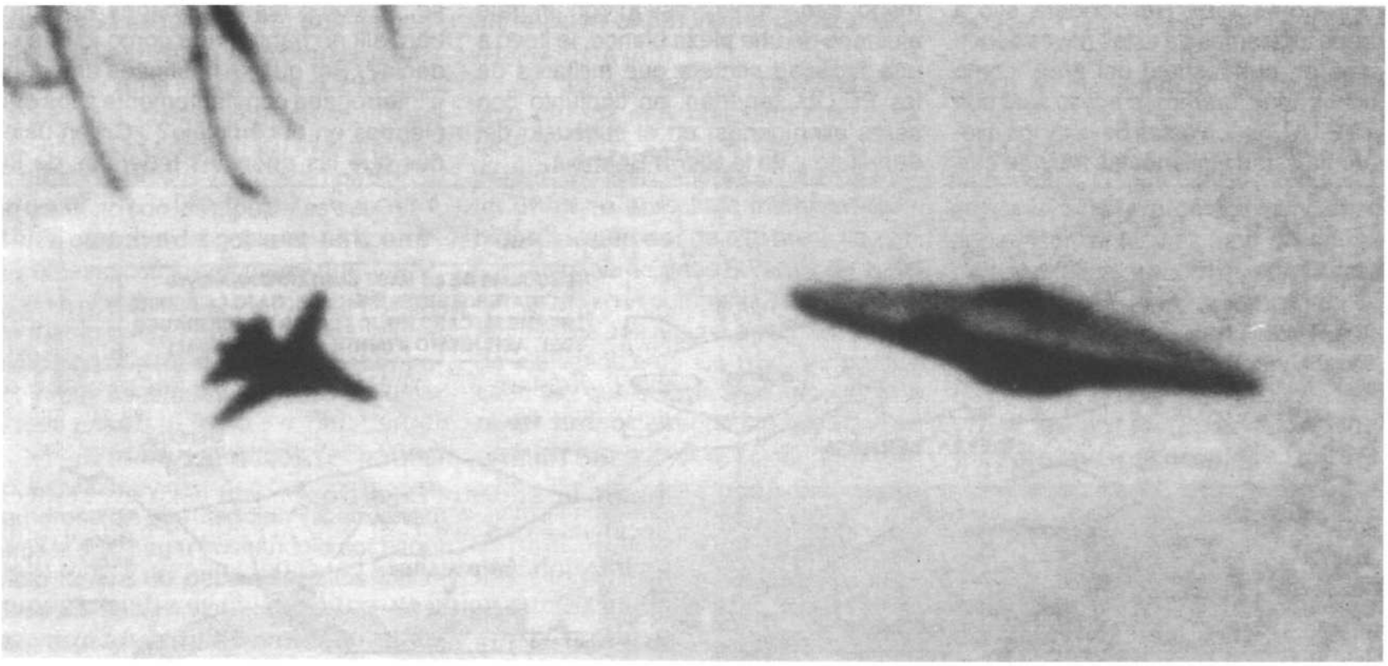


Fig. 8 Photo of encounter between UFO and F-14 Tomcat jet by Amaury Rivera, taken in May 1988.

consideration for the individual's family, who he holds in high regard, has requested that for the time being we shall not do it.

But there is one thing that is certain. A number of computerized analyses have been made, by experts, of the photographs by Amaury Rivera, and NOBODY has been able to prove that they are a hoax. As I personally am not an expert in the analysis of photos or videos of UFOs by computer, I accept that, so far, Amaury Rivera's material does seem genuine, and this is what I have always said about it. (Only Sr. Rivera of course knows whether his alleged experience was real, but many of the details that we have investigated seem to indicate that it was).

Well now, finally, in the light of all that we have set forth in this article, what difference does it really make, (as regards this most important UFO situation that prevails daily in the south-western part of this Island of Puerto Rico) whether or not the Rivera photos are real? Of course from a certain aspect it would be ground for condemnation if they weren't, but in the broadest sense of what we are here interested in, WHAT IS UNDENIABLE, AND WHAT SHOULD BE GROUND FOR PREOCCUPATION FOR ALL OF US, IS THE FACT - PROVED UTTERLY TO SATIATION POINT - THAT THE SAME TYPE OF ENCOUNTERS AS PORTRAYED IN THE PHOTOS OF AMAURY RIVERA - BETWEEN UFOs AND MILITARY JETS OF THE USA OR OF THE PUERTO RICO NATIONAL AERIAL GUARD PURSUING THEM -ARE STILL GOING ON, WITH EXTREME FREQUENCY, IN THE REGION OF LAJAS AND CABO ROJO, BEFORE THE EYES OF HUNDREDS OF CREDIBLE WITNESSES. THIS IS WHAT OUGHT TO BE WORRYING US, ON ACCOUNT OF THE IMPLICATIONS THAT THIS TYPE OF SITUATION HAS FOR ALL OF US.

WHY IS IT THAT THE MILITARY JETS ARE CHASING THE UFOS? IS THERE MAYBE A SITUATION OF CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE USA AND THE BEINGS THAT CREW THESE CRAFT? OR ARE THEY PERCHANCE CRAFT OF THE USA THAT ARE BEING FLIGHT-TESTED OYER THE INHABITED AREAS OF THE SOUTH-WEST? IF THIS IS SO, WHY IS THIS BEING DONE, RISKING THE LIVES OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE REGION SHOULD THERE BE AN ACCIDENT?

THESE ARE THE QUESTIONS THAT WE MUST BE ASKING OURSELVES, AND TO WHICH THE AUTHORITIES MUST GIVE AN ANSWER.

FINAL COMMENTARY.

Certainly, as we have seen throughout this article, a very strange situation is building up in the Lajas and Cabo Rojo areas, and very specially so around Lajas and the so-called "*Aerostat*" and Lake Cartagena. For example - the situation experienced by the electronic engineer and his friend near the "Saltings" of Papayo, aad the mysterious persons whom they saw at the spot from which a UFO seemed to have just taken off.

Likewise the case af the American engineer working in an electronics manufacturing company, who was connected with the U.S. armed forces, and who said - in front of witnesses, that "*Yes! They knew the whereabouts of the pilots captured by the big triangular UFO over Cabo Rojo on December 28,1988, and that they were going to get them back!*"

Another point to consider is this: what are NASA trucks doing, entering the "*Aerostat*" premises at late hours of the night, when it is thought that nobody will observe them?

And - what about the flying saucer that don Francisco Vargas saw go up from the spot where the "*Aerostat*"

Fig. 9 The fishermen see them constantly.

is located? And the mysterious *"cannon-telescope"* operated by the military on the beach of El Papayo? For what are they using this strange device, together with other sophisticated equipment, pointing it at the stars in the early hours (2.00 to 3.00 a.m.) when the inhabitants of of the area are all asleep and don't see them? We must also add that the same military Personnel have also been seen handling the same equipment, near the Faro del Cabo Rojo (Red Cape Lighthouse) and on the beach at Rincón further north, at the times of important UFO sightings.

Recently, when in conversation with a high-ranking officer of the U.S. Navy, whose identity we shall, for obvious reasons, not reveal for the time being, he said this to me in confidence:

"Yes, as you have said, - we do know that in the subsoil of the south-west of Puerto Rico there is an enormous subterranean facility which extends under the sea, as far as the Isle of Mona. (See map on inside front cover)..... It.is a base of "something", or "someone" that is not from here, that appears to be something extraterrestrial.

"We have been following and watching the situation for many years and we know that they are down there. But - how can we explain that to the public?

"One of the principal fears of tbe Government is that the sudden knowledge of the truth might cause a panic, and above all, a paralysation of worldwide economic activity, and that can lead to chaos. That is something very, very delicate ....

"We, as Military, have a duty to fulfil in connection with the security of our citizens, and we are doing our job. You may possibly not perceive it as so, but we are doing what we have to do."

And finally, speaking in the soft accent of the U.S. South, he added: "Look Jorgé, you earn my respect because I can see that you are doing a good and serious job. At present I can't tell you more than that about what is going on, but I can tell you that in about five years from now the public will already know a good deal of what has been going on with all this business. In any case, I can't at present give any further information, but in four years' time I'm retiring, and then we'll be able to talk extensively about this matter. I can assure you that many, many things are going to surprise you "...

For those who are interested, we will add that there are witnesses to this conversation between the officer and myself.

Last word: The reports on what the UFO Phenomenon/Alien Phenomenon is going to "dish up for us" in the south-west of this Island of Puerto Rico are still pouring in, and in our coming issues we shall publish further events and provide new details. -J.M.

COMMENTS BY EDITOR OF FSR.

* This wholesale "trouble-maker" and purveyor of slander against Amaury Rivera is named Wilson Lustosa.

* * I also have Señora Magdalena's fine report and hope to tackle and translate it very soon. It is very lengthy and highly accurate. Amaury Rivera's book about his abduction and his photos has now been published (in Mexico) and I have a copy of it. Its contents are startling and I shall report on it in due course.

Just to the north of the Island of Puerto Rico, lies the vast PUERTO RICO TRENCH, with an average depth of 8,000 metres - one of the deepest sea areas on our planet, and its very deepest part, the MILWAUKEE DEPTH, at the western end, just above the western end of Puerto Rico, is 9,200 metres! It is here that, about 20 or 25 years ago, I recall that the U.S. Navy spent about a week, with several warships milling around, picking up fantastic sounds from down there, and vainly trying to trace and chase and depth-charge "SOMETHING". I recall having once seen a published account of it, in English, and I do hope that some of FSR's American readers may recall it and will now help me to trace and identify that report; which I feel sure came from the U.S.A. -G.C.■

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We are living in strange times. Even when, today, the daily technological advances astound us, as they instantly become the fulminating routine new tools for our scientists, and the store of advanced knowledge that enables us to put people on the Moon now comes within the reach of mankind, we still find ourselves faced by certain mysteries that require a satisfactory answer.

Among these mysteries are the numerous animal mutilations recently reported throughout the whole of this Island of Puerto Rico. We, as serious investigators, are astounded by the variety of cases occurring - cases and situations that defy all logical explanations. Thorough, diligent, investigations have been carried out by the Police, the Civil Defence, the Veterinary Services (though when they perceived the 'anomalous aspects' of the business the veterinary men disassociated themselves from the investigations!), by the serious Journalists, and by the Ufologists.

The facts have been established - but the question-mark as to WHO is doing all this - and - WHY - still hangs in the air. This question has not been totally answered, it is true, though there *are* certain details that seem to give us an answer to it.

Some folk say that the mutilations are done by predatory animals such as dogs. And that *could* be so in one or two cases, but up till now the evidence indicates that what attacks the animal victims (sheep, cattle, goats, etc.) is nothing ordinary, inasmuch as the physical signs that would be left in such attacks as those **are never found in these cases.**

The mystery becomes greater when, as in the majority of the cases, no traces whatever of human footprints or animal footprints or animal footprints, or vehicle tracks, can be found at the sites (except that **at times there do appear strange footprints or animals unknown in this country!)**

Other mysterious events that might - or might not - be connected with the mutilations both here and abroad, but that have become the standard pattern in these sorts of happenings, include numerous sightings of UFOs, of unidentified helicopters, and encounters with alleged alien human-like creatures or strange hairy creatures.

In putting out this Special Issue on Mutilations our objective **is not to sensationalize the matter in order to stimulate the sales of our journal,** as certain charlatans have said, but to bring to you, the public reader, a series of real events and features of consideration on this enigmatic matter, such as will enable you to better understand what is happening. With this end in view we include herein complementary material, from Puerto Rico and from abroad, that will enable you to make important correlations regarding the cases on the Island and the cases in other countries - particularly the USA. Likewise it is not our intention to create panic or fear, **and for that reason we have withheld certain facts that could be badly interpreted.**

It is our firm belief that the public have the right to know the truth, no matter how unpleasant it may apparently be - and more especially so if that truth implies that "something" or "someone" is intervening, physically, psychologically, or spiritually, in our world. The human race needs to know the truth, especially if it requires us to adopt a totally new and revolutionary view of our own history, our own future, and our own reality.

We believe that there are official persons and organizations in our midst who know what is behind these mutilations, but we cannot prove it. For reasons unknown they remain silent about what is going on.

On the other hand, official Government organs have embarked on a campaign of disinformation and ridicule about the subject, but all that they have managed to achieve thereby is to make evident their own interest in covering up what is happening, and their total non-recognition of it. It has been a painful spectacle for us to see biologists and employees of such agencies as the Puerto Rico Department of National Resources and the Puerto Rico Department of Agriculture pulling out of their hats absurd and ridiculous "explanations" for what the eyewitnesses and the facts themselves have demonstrated.

Sadly, others - allegedly UFO researchers - have joined in the campaign of disinformation. This might be due to two things: (1) they might be in some way associated with the agencies interested in the cover-up, or (2) It may demonstrate their own total ignorance about a subject which they have not deigned to investigate seriously.

But the events that are continuing to occur have given a powerful reply to their statements.

And we take this opportunity to express our very special recognition to the reporter and announcer, Sr. Arnaldo García, of Radio Cumbre in Orocovis, who was an original informer for us of what was going on and who has, throughout, maintained a thoroughly professional attitude. We thank him immensely for his cooperation in our investigations.

Likewise we extend our thanks and recognition to the members of o the Orocovis Police Headquarters, who displayed great professionalism and collaborated with us at every moment, just as the eyewitnesses and general residents of Orocovis have done. To all of these folk we dedicate this Special Number. Likewise we express our recognition to the reporters Pedro Rosa Nales of Channel Four Television (WAPA TV), and Arnaldo Ginés of Channel 11, as also to Omar Matos, reporter of the weekly paper *El Diario*, - all three of whom at every moment gave serious and professional attention, just as we have done, to everything related to the mutilations and to the sightings of strange creatures and UFOs in the areas affected. This has enabled the public to achieve a clearer perception of everything.

In the name of TRUTH, very many thanks to all of you!
J.M.

NOTE BY EDITOR OF FSR.

So much for Jorge Martín's excellent and eloquent Introduction to this Special Issue on Puerto Rico animal mutilations, which began in the 1970s and are still occurring all over the Island and indeed intensifying. As soon as I can I shall follow up with my translations of the most spectacular of the truly hair-rasing reports which he gives, especially from the Orocovis District.■

UFOs AND MUTILATIONS IN PUERTO RICO © BY JORGE MARTÍN. Editor, *Evidencia OVNI* and FSR Consultant. *Evidencia OVNI* No. 6. (Précis translation from Spanish. G.C.)

[The first eight of the thirteen pages of this article are a recapitulation of the beginnings of the cattle mutilation phenomenon in the USA, with the cases of the horses *Lady* and *Snippy* on Harry King's ranch in the San Luis Valley, State of Colorado, in September 1967. The sources used by Jorge Martín are the books *Mystery Stalks the Prairie*, by Roberta Donovan and Keith Wolverton (1976), and *Alien Harvest* by Linda Moulton Howe ('1989). I shall therefore confine myself now to giving the gist of the second part, dealing with the mutilations in Puerto Rico, which began in 1975. G.C.]

In 1975, as it is doing again today, Puerto Rico was suffering from a tremendous wave of animal mutilations (cattle, sheep, pigs, deer, goats, dogs, and various species of farmyard fowls).

All of these animals had deep , perfect, clear, cuts on their carcases, and all their blood had been drained out, without any signs of any of it being spilled, and without anyone living or sleeping near by perceiving that anything whatever had occurred.

In some cases, radiation was detected, as with some goats owned by Sr. Hector Vega at Mocca (N.W. part of the Island). When this case was investigated by Sr. Luis Urbina, a technical radiation instructor for the Civil Defence authority, he found the area around the goats' carcases gave a possible radioactive reading of .008 to .012 on his Geiger Counter.

An even more alarming case occurred on April 6, 1975, on the property of Sr. Buenaventuro Bello in Isla Verde, Carolina, right in the metropolitan area of the Island. [This case was reported on extensively in one of the five articles by FSR's then Correspondent there, the engineer Sebastián Robiou Lamarche in FSR volumes 22,23, and 25, but as nobody will now recall it I shall repeat it in detail again now, owing to its great importance. G.C.]

At 6.00am that morning Señor Bello was astonished at not hearing the usual early call of his 18 precious geese, which normally greeted him with a gaggling reminder that it was time to feed them. Arising and looking out through his rear bedroom window he was horrified to see all his geese lying dead and laid out in a great circle. Telling his wife not to look out and not to go out, he went down to investigate.

Every goose had two deeply punched wounds 1/4" in diameter and about 1/4" apart. These holes, similar to those being found today in animals killed at Orocovis, Barranquitas, Morovis, Naranjito, and Mantí, were all exactly in the centre of a circle about 1 inch wide on which the feathers had been totally plucked. And he found that all carcases had been drained of blood.

Bello was astounded. How could such a thing be? His home and premises were surrounded by a high metal grill fence, so no dog or similar animal could possibly have got in. Moreover the wounds were in any case totally unlike bites by dogs or cats etc., *because they weren't bites,* and there were no scratches - merely strange holes in pairs. And a further abnormal detail was the laying out of the geese in a perfect circle. *No animal - but only some intelligent creature - could have done anything like that!*

Bello owned a beautiful young shepherd dog bitch. She would never permit anyone to get near the house. And yet this dog - which had been in the grounds during that night - along with the geese - had never barked or displayed the slightest indication that anything was happening that night. Furthermore, when Sr. Bello opened the door that morning, this dog, whining and deeply terrified, simply bolted into the house, and from then on she showed fear of the back patio and would refuse ever again to enter it.

Thoroughly alarmed, Señor Bello contacted the local Police, but what arrived was not a patrol car from them but one from Police Headquarters in the Capital, San Juan itself!

After inspecting the scene, the Police advised Sr. Bello not on any account to enter the patio. Then they radioed to Headquarters, and soon after that several men arrived in a white minibus. They were clad from head to feet in white combination suits such as are used for dealing with radiation or bacteria, *and nothing was ever said to indicate who or what they were or from where they came.*

Further Police arrived and posted sentries all around the premises. Meanwhile the team were getting to work with all their electronic equipment and detectors and headed for the back patio.Half an hour later, Señor Bello received a mysterious telephone call from a university in the south of the USA (not identified) requesting him to

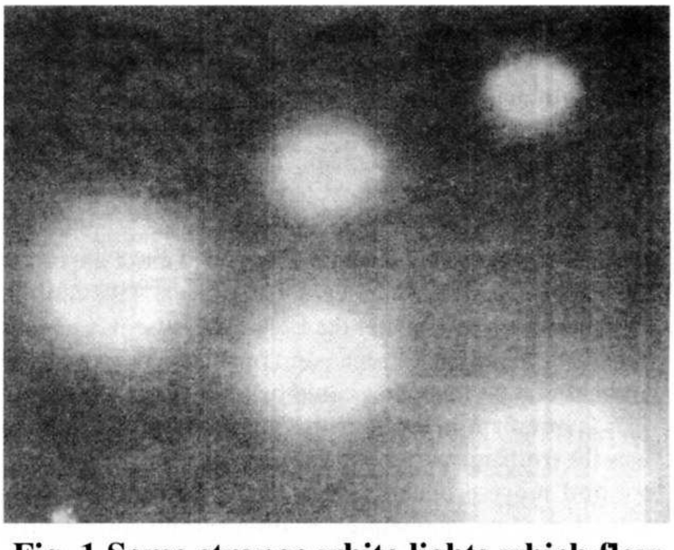
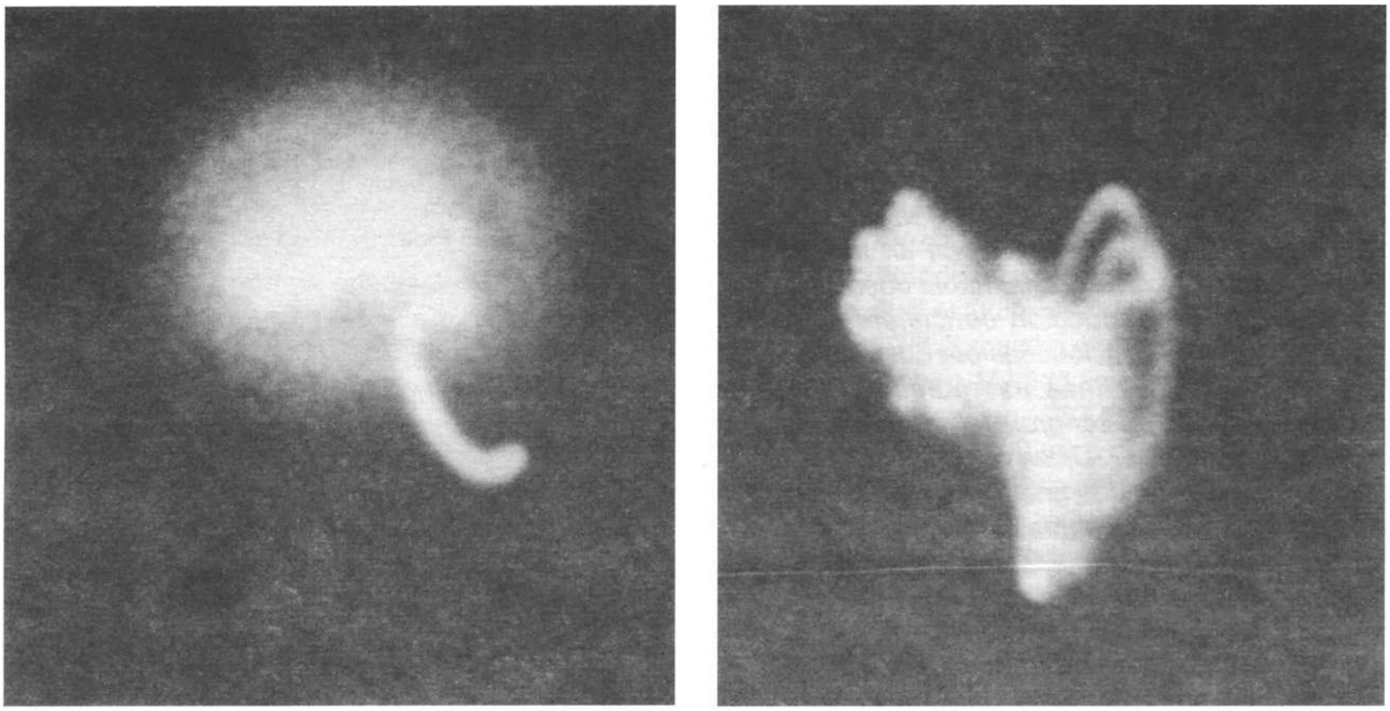


Fig. 1 Some strange white lights which flew by the mountains Sangre de Cristo.



Figs. 2 and 3: Big Mama and her "baby", Dec. 1976, and Feb. 1977 at Condado de Logan, Colorado, USA.

send them some of the dead geese! And half an hour later the caller himself - with one other man - arrived and collected the bodies!

Both callers, smartly dressed in business suits, were clearly Americans and from the USA. They put the dead geese into plastic bags and were off again at once.

The Police and the men in the decontamination suits picked up the rest of the dead geese and, before departing, they installed some sort of detector device on the roof of the house which they said would indicate whether the killer or killers of the geese returned. Some days later, the men came back and took away this little black box, but gave no indication as to what it was or contained. They again told everyone to keep out of the back patio. And, one thing, said Bello, was clear: *these folk all clearly knew precisely what it was that they were up against - even if they didn't talk!*

Furthermore some more men in civilian clothing also arrived, without a word about their purpose or identities. They took up positions for several days in front of the house and were clearly from some Federal Agency or other. But Sr Bello still has no idea what they were on the watch for.

Before their departure, one of them again advised the Bello family not to go near the back patio, and even went so far as to say that their best policy would be to quit the premises altogether, *as there was something in the patio "that could be highly dangerous for Sr. Bello's wife"*. He refused to tell them officially what it was, but by various indirect means he gave them to understand that it was *a high level of radiation.*

The Bellos accordingly made immediate preparations for moving their home. Meanwhile, in the next few days, the German shepherd dog began to appear weak and ill and when a veterinary surgeon was called to examine it a few days later, he said it had cancer - "due no doubt to something it had eaten". The animal was beyond help, so Bello consented to its being put down with an injection.

And he was left wondering: how on earth could such a beautiful and healthy young animal so speedily be brought to a terminal cancer? High radiation was evidently the answer.

REPORTS BY FSR'S FIRST CORRESPONDENT IN PUERTO RICO, THE ENGINEER SEBASTIÁN ROBIOU LAMARCHE.

FSR's Consultant at that time, Sr. Sebastián Robiou Lamarche, of a local UFO Investigation group then active on the Island (C.E.O.V.N.I), managed to get copies of the X-ray photos of the geese and also of the autopsy reports by a certified pathologist whose name was not disclosed. The report confirmed that the wounds were deep punctures, set in pairs, each 1/4 inch wide and about 1/4 inch apart.

The wounds had penetrated to a depth of over an inch into the bodies of the geese and had removed internal organs. Most strange of all, the wounds *converged* inside the body, and, also, in the very moment that they were being made, seemingly, the walls of the wounds were being cicatrized, no doubt to avoid any loss of the blood, *all of which had been drained away.*

(These details agreed with what has been found in the cases of the cattle in Colorado, USA, as investigated by Wolverton, by Linda Moulton Howe, and by the pathologist Altschuler, and it holds true also for all the many, many further cases that have occurred throughout Puerto Rico from 1880 until now. Whatever had entered the bodies and made the perforations *had* to be a sharp-pointed object and moreover one that *emitted great heat*, affecting the texture of the flesh.)

Another notable and disturbingly anomalous fact is that, when owners have touched the incisions on the dead animals or birds in Puerto Rico, or have touched peculiar liquids that came out of the bodies, *they have felt severe*

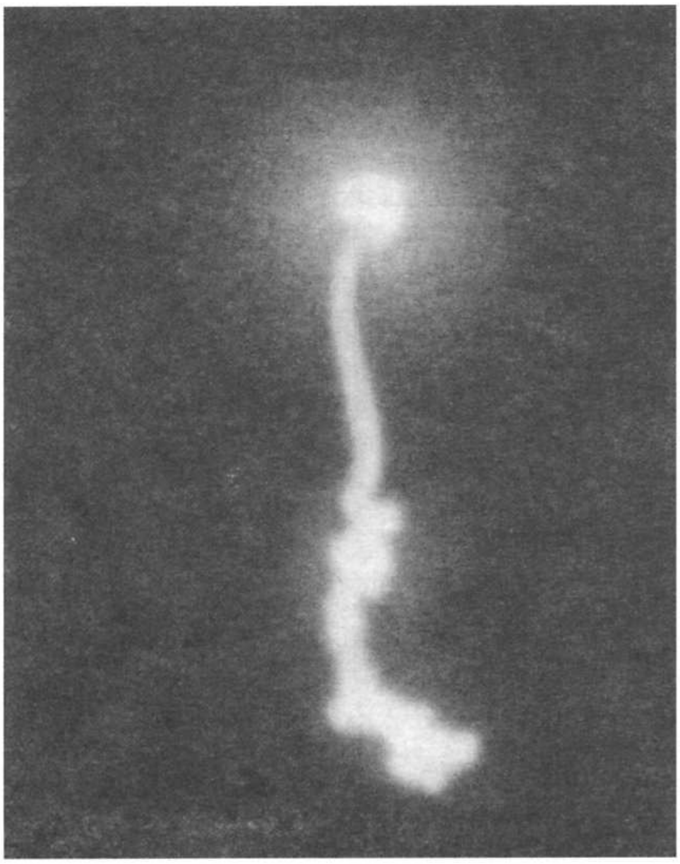


Fig. 4 UFO photographed in 1967 , at Condado de Logan, Colorado, USA.

Fig. 5 UFO photographed at site of mutilations in Ashdown, Arkansas.

pains in their hands, or a tremendous heat, lasting for days, and even the skin of their fingers has changed colour for a few days and become inflamed. However human medical science has found no reason for these effects.

Furthermore, although the holes in the birds and animals are of such a very small size, nevertheless entire organs - such as liver, stomach, heart, etc., - have vanished from the bodies. In some cases it has been verified that the brain has vanished from within the animal's or bird's skull, AND YET THE SKULL HAS NOT BEEN OPENED.

As the reader can see, this problem of the anomalous mutilation of animals that is occurring throughout the world is not something that can be set aside and got rid of that easily with the assertions that officialdom is always giving - namely that it is all due to predatory animals - coyotes, wolves, pumas, vultures - or - as in the caes in Puerto Rico - to dogs and mandril apes!

This simplistic expanation might indicate to us three possible things:

- The persons who devote themselves to proffering these explanations are folk suffering from a vast ignorance about such cases, as evidently they know nothing of the facts as presented by us here above. So, in that event we should simply excuse them for their statements.

- The statements are part of a concerted plan, at Governmental level, to deceive and manipulate public opinion regarding the reality of this phenomenon and about its connection - maybe - with the UFO phenomenon (which they certainly would not wish to have to discuss directly inasmuch as they would then be having to admit that the UFOs and the Aliens are real!). Another possibility, may be, is that there are secret Government experiments, carried out with unknown objectives.

- The Government and its officials may be doing all of this in good faith because, although they know that everything we have said above is true, they *wish to avoid public alarm.* Were this the explanation for such conduct, we could understand it. But what we cannot tolerate is the fact that often, in order to achieve their ends, the Government's representatives, along with professional "detractors of such cases", direct their attacks at the personal reputations and the credibility of the eyewitnesses of these happenings, or the reputations and credibility of the investigators whom we have appointed to report on them.

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In this article we have presented important material at a scientific level. We trust that this material will be carefully studied and analyzed by both professionals and laymen before any of them leap to emitting hasty opinions upon the subject.

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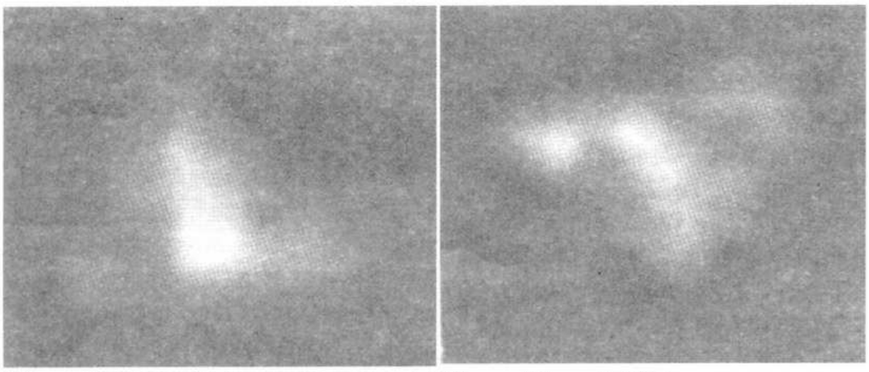

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To these I must add, because they are most certainly totally unknown to anybody in Puerto Rico today, the undermentioned five articles by FSR Consultant Sebastián Robiou Lamarche which I translated and published in FSR. They show that, so early as the years 1973, 1977, 1978, and 1979, I was already reporting in depth on Puerto Rico. (One of the articles even deals with the CHUPACABRA!).

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STOP PRESS: CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE ROYAL KIND.

U.K. readers may have seen an astonishing article which appeared on pages 30-31 of the *Daily Mail* of Thursday, April 25th, 2002. The headline is: **CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE ROYAL KIND.**

The article, by David Clarke and Andrew Roberts, is extracted from their new book, *Out of the Shadows*, to be published by Piatkus Books on May 9th, cost £17.99. The Daily mail invites readers to order it for £15.99 (p&p free in the U.K) by phoning 01476 - 541 - 001.

The sub-headline of the article reads:

The *Mail* opens the Buckingham Palace X-files and finds that Prince Philip (an avid reader of *Flying Saucer Review*) appointed his own investigator into visitors from space...

It further goes on to say: "To this day Prince Philip has every issue of the magazine *Flying Saucer Review* sent to him at Buckingham Palace -and once appointed an equerry as his personal UFO investigator."

The article goes on to discuss the role of Mountbatten in persuading the public to take the subject of UFOs seriously, while of necessity concealing his own level of conviction and belief.

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